



A DEEPENING RIFT

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during his meeting with President Barack Obama in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014.

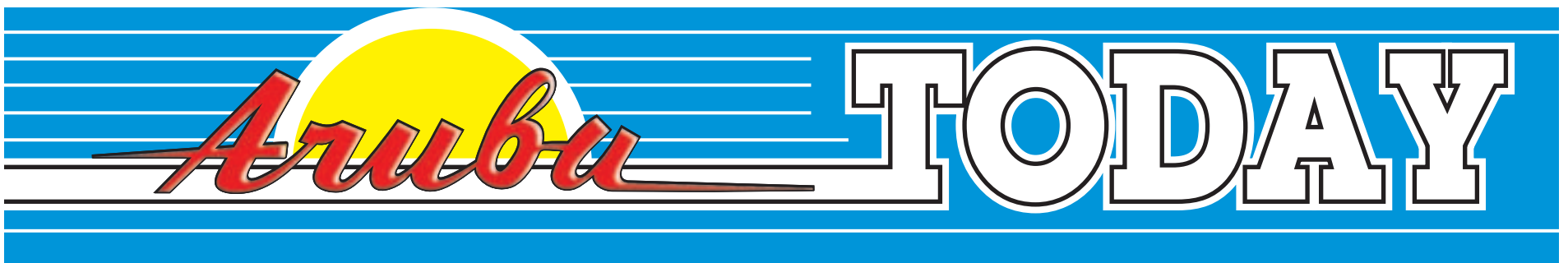
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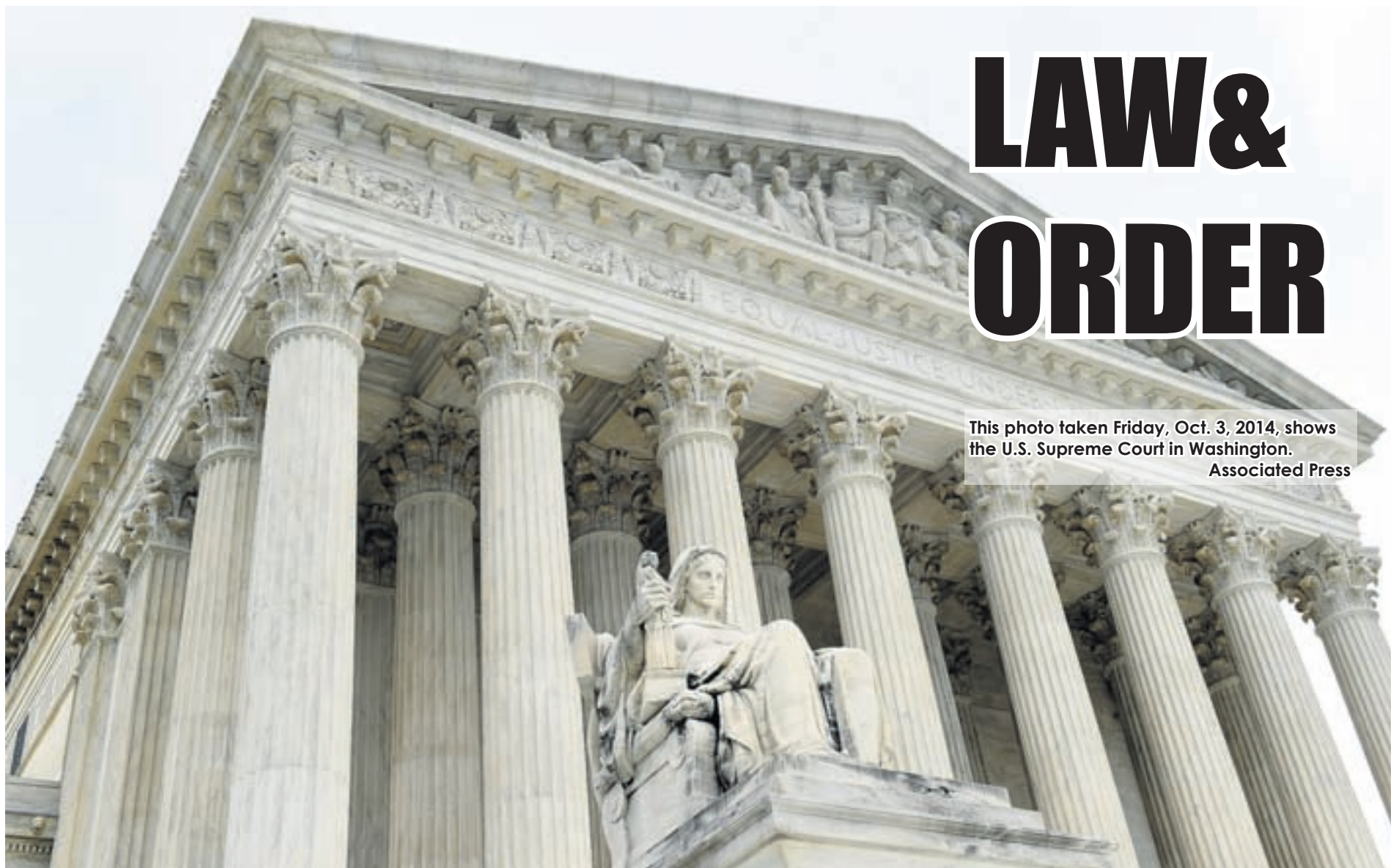
O's sweep Tigers in ALDS

Baltimore Orioles designated hitter Nelson Cruz gestures after hitting a two-run home run during the sixth inning in Game 3 of baseball's AL Division Series against the Detroit Tigers, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Detroit.

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This photo taken Friday, Oct. 3, 2014, shows the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington.
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Justices' new term has expectations on gay unions

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Supreme Court term that is starting with a lack of headline-grabbing cases may end with a blockbuster that helps define the legacy of the court under Chief Justice John Roberts. While same-sex marriage is not yet on their agenda, the justices appear likely

to take on the issue and decide once and for all whether gay and lesbian couples have a constitutional right to marry. When the justices formally open their new term Monday, Roberts will be beginning his 10th year at the head of the court, and the fifth with the same lineup of justices. He has been part of a five-justice conserva-

tive majority that has rolled back campaign finance limits, upheld abortion restrictions and generally been skeptical of the consideration of race in public life. But his court has taken a different path in cases involving gay and lesbian Americans, despite his opposition most of the time. The court's record on gay

rights is comparable to its embrace of civil rights for African-Americans in the 1950s and 1960s under Chief Justice Earl Warren, said University of Chicago law professor David Strauss. "The court will go down in history as one that was on the frontiers of establishing rights for gays and lesbians," Strauss said. The justices passed up their

first opportunity last week to add gay marriage cases to their calendar. But they will have several more chances in the coming weeks to accept appeals from officials in Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin who are trying to preserve their state bans on same-sex marriage.

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Justices

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Those prohibitions fell one after the other following the high court's June 2013 decision that struck down part of a federal law that defined marriage as between a man and a woman. On the court's plate in the new term are cases involving:

—religious, employment and housing discrimination. —the drawing of political districts in Alabama and Arizona.

—a dispute between Congress and the president over passports that is heavy with Middle East politics.

—a faulty traffic stop over a car's broken brake light in North Carolina.

—the prosecution of a self-styled rapper whose Facebook postings threatened his estranged wife, an FBI agent and area schools.

Monday's argument involves the North Carolina traffic stop that led to the discovery of cocaine in Nicholas Heien's Ford Escort. A police officer pulled over the car when he saw the right brake light wasn't working, although the left one was. Typically, evidence found in a car pulled over for a valid reason can

be used against a defendant. But North Carolina's quirky traffic laws mandate that only one brake light on a car be working.

The case tests whether the officer's mistaken understanding of the law makes the traffic stop unreasonable and the ensuing search a violation of Heien's constitutional rights. Among Heien's arguments is that citizens can't plead ignorance of the law when they are charged with a crime, so there shouldn't be a double standard for the police. A divided state Supreme Court said the mistake was reasonable enough to justify the routine traffic stop.

On Tuesday, the justices will take up the case of Arkansas prison inmate Gregory Holt, who says his Muslim beliefs require him to grow a half-inch (1.25-centimeter) beard. Arkansas prison officials permit no beards, with the exception of inmates with certain skin conditions, who can have beards a quarter-inch (0.6-centimeters) long.

Prison officials say their rule is a matter of security because beards can be used to hide prohibited items,



As the U.S. Supreme Court begins its new term this week, pro-life advocates hold a prayer vigil on the plaza of the high court in Washington, Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014. The group, Bound 4 Life, has come to the court for ten years to make a silent appeal against abortion.

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and 18 states are backing the state's argument. But groups across the political spectrum and the Obama administration say Holt has a right to grow a beard under a federal law aimed at protecting prisoners' religious rights. More than 40 states already allow beards, with little evidence that inmates have tried to hide prohibited items in them.

Last term, the court bitterly divided over the religious rights of family-owned cor-

porations that objected to paying for women's contraceptives under President Barack Obama's health care law. This case appears likely to unite the court, said University of Notre Dame law professor Richard Garnett. "I think there's every reason to expect agreement among the justices that Arkansas hasn't even come close to satisfying the burden," Garnett said. In another religious discrimination case, retailer Abercrombie and Fitch is

defending its denial of a job to a woman wearing a Muslim headscarf by arguing that she did not say during her interview that she wears the hijab for religious reasons.

The high court will also hear the case of an American born in Jerusalem who wants his passport to list his birthplace as Israel. The case underlies a major dispute between Congress and the president, with Middle Eastern politics as the backdrop. □



This undated photo provided by Kassig Family shows Peter Kassig standing in front of a truck filled with supplies for Syrian refugees.

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RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —

The parents of a U.S. man threatened with beheading by the Islamic State

U.S. aid worker's parents plead for his release

group are pleading with his captors to free him, saying in a video statement Saturday that their son has devoted his life to humanitarian work and aiding Syria's war refugees.

Ed and Paula Kassig's video was released a day after the Islamic State group's online video threatened to behead 26-year-old Peter Kassig next — following the beheading of British aid worker Alan Henning.

That video was a heart-breaking development for Kassig's family and friends, who had stayed silent since his capture while working to secure his release.

In the family's video, Ed

Kassig says his son, who now goes by the first name Abdul-Rahman after converting to Islam during his captivity, was captured on Oct. 1, 2013, in Syria, where he was providing aid for Syrians fleeing that country's civil war.

He says his son has grown "to love and admire" the Syrian people, after growing up in an Indianapolis family with a long history of humanitarian work and teaching.

"Our son was living his life according to that same humanitarian call when he was taken captive," says Ed Kassig, a teacher.

The family says Kassig, a

former U.S. Army Ranger, formed the aid organization Special Emergency Response and Assistance, or SERA, in Turkey to provide aid and assistance to Syrian refugees.

He began delivering food and medical supplies to Syrian refugee camps in 2012 and is also a trained medical assistant who provided trauma care to injured Syrian civilians and helped train 150 civilians in providing medical aid.

His work in Lebanon led to his capture when he crossed the border into Syria.

After that, SERA suspended its aid efforts. □



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Obama dedicates memorial honoring wounded veterans

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama paid tribute to disabled U.S. veterans on Sunday, pointing to the dedication of a new memorial honoring those severely injured in war as a symbol of the nation's perseverance and character. Obama marked the opening of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, which honors disabled veterans both living and deceased from conflicts throughout U.S. history. The president said the memorial would commemorate two centuries of Americans who have stepped forward to serve, leaving behind loved ones, and returned home forever altered by war.

"America, if you want to know what real strength is, if you want to see the character of our country, a country that never quits, look at these men and women," Obama told more than 3,100 people gathered at the dedication.

The monument of granite and glass near the U.S. Capitol opened as the U.S. disentangles itself from more than a decade of war in Iraq and Afghani-



President Barack Obama applauds as he pays tribute to disabled U.S. veterans at the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial dedication ceremony in Washington, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014.

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stan, where about 50,000 military personnel have been injured in conflict. In recent months, Obama has grappled with the rise of the Islamic State group militants now wreaking

havoc in Iraq and in neighboring Syria.

Obama said the nation has not always fulfilled its obligations to those who serve — calling it a "painful truth" — and said the

memorial would remind the country of its debt to its veterans and those serving

in the military.

"This memorial is a challenge to all of us, a reminder of the obligations this country is under. If we are to truly honor these veterans we must heed the voices that speak to us here. Let's never rush into war, because it is America's sons and daughters who bear the scars of war for the rest of their lives," Obama said. "Let us only send them into harm's way when it's absolutely necessary."

The memorial was organized by philanthropist Lois Pope, former Veterans Affairs secretary Jesse Brown and Art Wilson, who retired as CEO and national adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans organization in 2013. The group first started work on creating the memorial in the late 1990s and raised more than \$80 million for its construction. The monument features a star-shaped fountain and ceremonial flame surrounded by a grove of trees. It is located behind the U.S. Botanic Garden near the Rayburn House Office Building. □

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Biden calls UAE prince to clarify remarks on Syria

AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden on Sunday called the crown prince of the United Arab Emirates to clarify that he did not mean to imply in his remarks last week that the Gulf ally was supporting al-Qaida fighters in Syria.

Biden spoke with Prince Mohamed bin Zayed, the crown prince of Abu Dhabi and a key Emirati leader, the White House said.

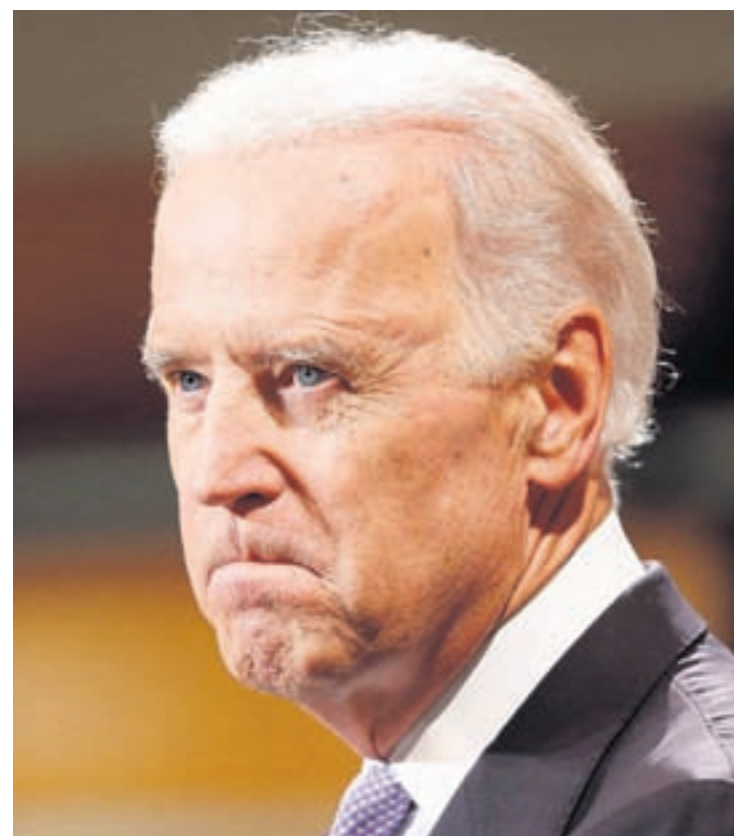
It was the second time in two days that Biden had to call a key partner in President Barack Obama's coalition to walk back comments he made on Thursday, when

he said that U.S. allies — including Turkey, Saudi Arabia and the UAE — had funded and armed extremist groups linked to al-Qaida.

Earlier Sunday, an exasperated UAE requested "a formal clarification" from Biden on comments that America's allies in the Middle East sent weapons and cash to extremists fighting in Syria. The White House said Biden clarified his remarks and recognized the UAE's strong steps to counter extremists and participation in U.S.-led airstrikes.

On Saturday, Biden already called to apologize to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the White House said.

"The vice president apologized for any implication that Turkey or other allies and partners in the region had intentionally supplied or facilitated the growth of ISIL or other violent extremists in Syria," the White House said, using an acronym for the Islamic State group. Biden's comments on Thursday came during a question-and-answer session at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Biden said that "our biggest problem is our allies" who are engaged in a proxy Sunni-Shiite war against Syrian President Bashar Assad. He specifically named Turkey, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.



Vice President Joe Biden bites his lip while speaking to students, faculty and staff at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Mass. Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014.

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"What did they do? They poured hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of tons of weapons into anyone who would fight against Assad — except that the people who were being supplied were (Jabhat) al-Nusra and al-Qaida and the extremist elements of jihadis coming from other parts of the world," Biden said at the time.

The UAE's official news agency carried a statement from Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash calling Biden's comments "far from the truth." The UAE Foreign Ministry said it was astonished by the remarks.

The UAE is a key Arab partner in the U.S.-led coalition against the Islamic State group and has targeted its fighters in airstrikes in Syria. Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Jor-

dan also have carried out airstrikes against the group in Iraq and Syria, while Qatar has provided logistical support.

Gargash said the American vice president "gave a negative and inaccurate impression" about the UAE's support in confronting the Islamic State group and terrorism. He said Biden's statement ignored the political and practical steps taken by the UAE, as well as its position against terrorism financing.

"The UAE's counter-terrorism approach reflects a pioneering national commitment that recognizes the extent of the danger posed by terrorism to the region and to its people," Gargash said.

There has been no official comment from Saudi officials over Biden's remarks. □

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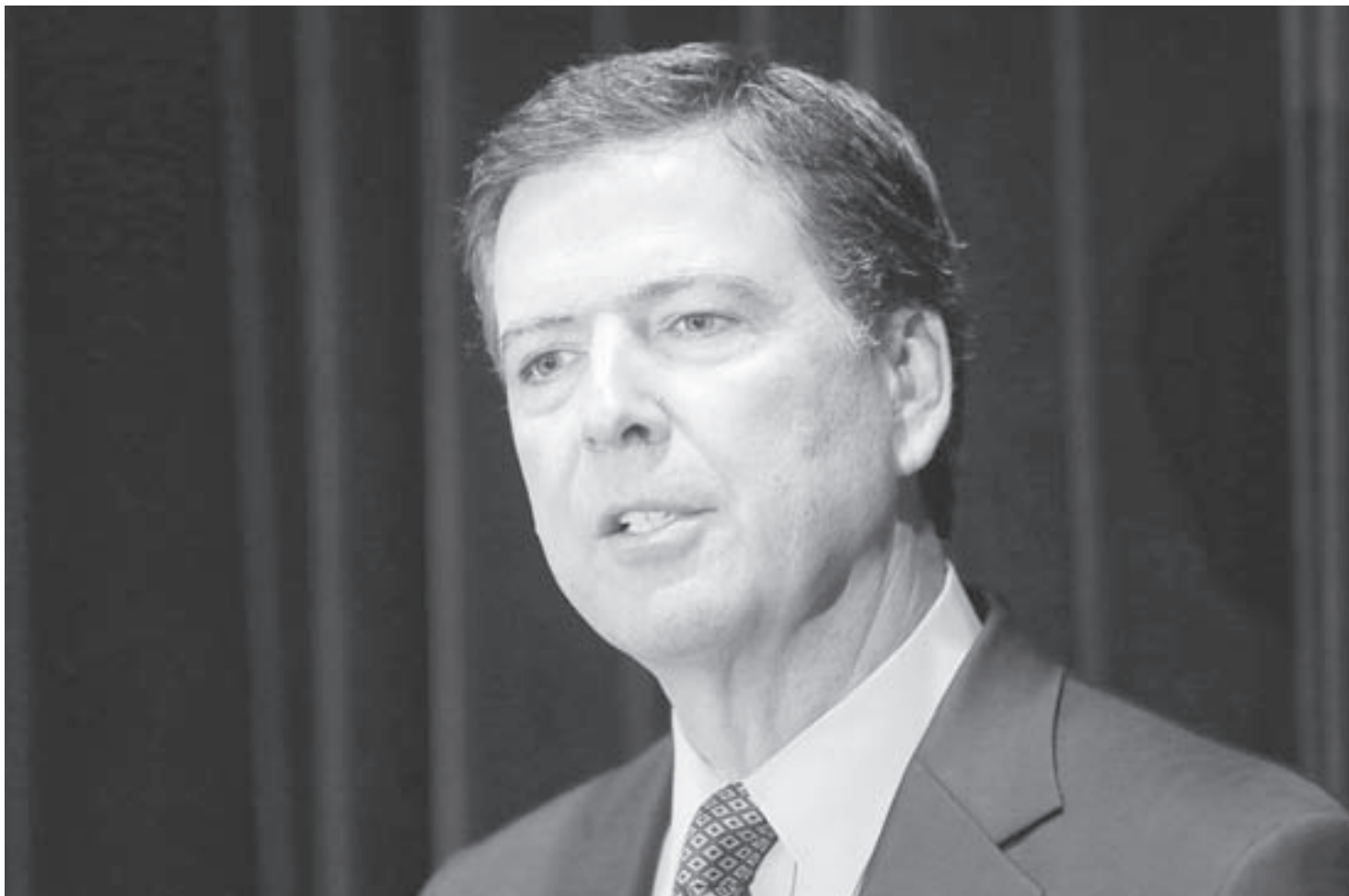
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FBI Director James B. Comey speaks during a news conference in Portland, Ore., Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014. Associated Press

Comey: Chinese hackers like a 'drunk burglar'

KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director James Comey compared Chinese hackers to a “drunk burglar” who steals with reckless abandon, even as they cost the U.S. economy billions of dollars every year. In an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS’ “60 Minutes,” Comey said Chinese hackers target the intellectual property of U.S. companies in China every day. “I liken them a bit to a drunk burglar. They’re kickin’ in the front door, knocking over the vase, while they’re walking out with your television set. They’re just prolific. Their strategy seems to be: ‘We’ll just be everywhere all the time. And there’s no way they can stop us,’” Comey said. The Justice Department earlier this year announced a 31-count indictment against Chinese hackers accused of breaking into computer networks at steel companies and the manufacturers of solar and nuclear technology, with the

goal of gaining a competitive advantage. China has denied the allegations. In the CBS interview, Comey also discussed the U.S. fight against terrorism. He described the terrorist networks within Syria as a sophisticated “metastasis” of al-Qaida. He said the Khorasan Group, an al-Qaida cell in Syria that was targeted in military strikes last month, was “working and, you know, may still be working on an effort to attack the United States or our allies, and looking to do it very, very soon.” “Given our visibility we know they’re serious people, bent on destruction,” he said. The small group of al-Qaida veterans from Afghanistan and Pakistan was targeted in strikes near Aleppo, Syria, last month. Senior U.S. officials have not said whether the group’s plots have been disrupted. Comey said the U.S. believes there are about a dozen Americans fighting alongside extremist groups in Syria. □

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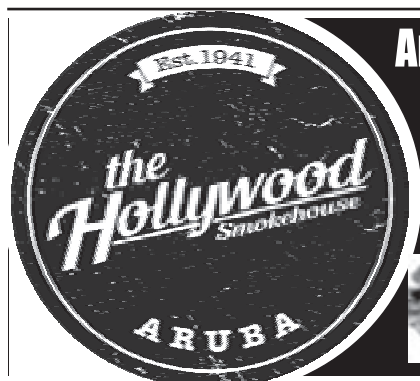


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U.S. officials cast doubt on Ebola travel ban

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Associated Press

Top U.S. government health officials said Sunday that they are opposed to placing a ban on travelers from Ebola-infected countries, warning that shutting down borders could impede efforts by aid workers to stop the spread of the deadly virus.

The idea of a ban gained currency this past week after the nation's first case was diagnosed in Dallas when a visitor from Liberia fell ill. Proponents have argued that a ban would help ensure public safety. Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, said a travel embargo on West



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director Dr. Tom Frieden speaks at a news conference Sunday Oct. 5, 2014 at the CDC in Atlanta.

will be even more of a risk to us," said Frieden, whose agency has cautioned against non-essential traffic to Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. Frieden has also noted that a ban on incoming flights could affect Americans trying to return home from those countries. "There are many other people who have the right to enter into this country," he said during a Saturday briefing. "And we're not going to be able to get to zero risk no matter what we do unless and until we control the outbreak in West Africa." An airline passenger, Thomas Eric Duncan, traveling from Liberia to Dallas brought Ebola into the U.S. last month. He is hospitalized in isolation, and public-health officials are monitoring a few dozen people who may have been exposed to the virus. U.S. officials have emphasized that the United States has a modern medical system that is far better equipped to contain an outbreak than the African countries where Ebola is currently spreading. Airline passengers have their temperatures taken as they board planes in the outbreak zone, although those infected with Ebola can go up to 21 days before they exhibit symptoms. Passengers are also asked about contact with infected people, but that process would not be useful if a passenger lies or simply does not realize the medical condition of people they have encountered. Duncan's temperature was below normal and he did not have any of the symptoms for Ebola when he boarded a plane on Sept. 19 at Roberts International Airport in the Liberian capital of Monrovia. □

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African countries that are struggling with Ebola would make it much harder for them to control the virus. "You isolate them, you can cause unrest in the country," Fauci told "Fox News Sunday." "It's conceivable that governments could fall if you just isolate them completely." British Airways and some other airlines have suspended flights from those countries, and overall traffic to and from the affected areas has dropped. Republican Sen. Mark Kirk has said the federal government should gradually halt flights to the region to protect Americans. Republican Rep. Tim Murphy plans to conduct hearings on the policy this coming week. He leads the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. Asking travelers to report their own activities at airports "has been a demonstrated failure, and it is nearly impossible to retrace

steps to try and track down everyone who has been in contact with a carrier taking multiple international flights across the globe," Murphy said Friday. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, a physician, said the U.S. should halt flights from Ebola-stricken countries. "The Obama administration keeps saying they won't shut down flights. They instead say we should listen to 'the experts,'" Jindal said Friday. "In fact, they said it would be counterproductive to stop these flights. That statement defies logic." Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said on ABC's "This Week" that the administration was open to practical suggestions that won't backfire. "We don't want to do something that inadvertently increases our risk by making it harder to stop the outbreak there, because if it spreads more widely throughout different countries in Africa, that



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Another day of unusual heat bakes California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Temperatures climbed into the triple digits Fahrenheit (above 38 degrees Celsius) in some parts of Southern California on Sunday, as swaths of the state baked in another day of unusually hot fall weather.

In Santa Clara, where the San Francisco 49ers were playing the Kansas City Chiefs, football fans had to contend with weather more suitable for surfing

— temperatures hovering around 90 degrees F (32 degrees C).

At a time when the autumn foliage season has taken hold in New England and other northern states, the Van Nuys section of Los Angeles flirted with the 100-degree F (38-degree C) mark. But there were signs the worst was over.

Dense fog blanketed the Orange County coast and parts of the San Francisco

Bay Area on Sunday morning, nudging down temperatures with it.

With an upper level high pressure system losing its strength "it should cool off through the week," predicted National Weather Service meteorologist Joe Sirard. "It looks like the high heat is ending."

Downtown Los Angeles hit 95 degrees F (35 degrees C), Sirard said, several degrees down from Friday and Saturday.

The heat made it uncomfortable for thousands of bicyclists who came to downtown Los Angeles to take advantage of closed streets as part of a cycling celebration, but city fire



Jim Cosgrove takes a break in the shade during the second day of the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014.

Associated Press

department officials were unaware of any health-related problems from the hot weather.

Many of the thousands who crammed Golden Gate Park in San Francisco over the weekend for the annual Hardly Strictly Bluegrass festival chugged wa-

ter and soaked their heads as they danced to banjos and fiddles.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power urged people to set thermostats at 78 degrees F (25.5 degrees C) to avoid overtaxing the power grid and bringing on outages. □

Imprisoned former death-row inmate addresses grads

PLAINFIELD, Vermont (AP) — A one-time death row inmate now serving a life sentence for the 1981 murder of a Philadelphia police officer spoke to a graduating class at a Vermont college Sunday, encouraging them to strive to transform the world.

Mumia Abu-Jamal spoke by video to 20 students receiving bachelor degrees from Goddard College. He earned a degree from the college in 1996.

"Think about the myriad of problems that beset this land and strive to make it better," Abu-Jamal said in the video.

He said his studies at Goddard allowed him to learn about important figures in distant lands.

"Goddard reawakened in me my love of learning," he said. "In my mind, I left death row."

The former Black Panther did not address the crime for which he was convicted. He originally was sentenced to death for killing white po-

lice Officer Daniel Faulkner on Dec. 9, 1981, but he was resentenced to life in 2012.

His claims that he's been victimized by a racist justice system have attracted international support. A radio show, documentaries and books have helped publicize his case. Goddard College describes him as "an award winning journalist who chronicles the human condition."

But the decision to allow Abu-Jamal to speak angered police and corrections officials in Vermont and Pennsylvania. The Vermont Troopers Association said it showed a disregard for the victim's family at a time when the nation is seeking solutions to gun violence.

Goddard, a low-residency school where students, staff and faculty spend eight days on campus twice a year, holds 20 commencement ceremonies every year, so students in each degree program can individualize their graduations and choose their speaker. □







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Typhoon washes 3 US airmen out to sea in Japan

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TOKYO (AP) — A powerful typhoon lashed southern Japan on Sunday, churning up high waves that washed three American airmen out to sea and killed at least one before taking aim at Tokyo.

Elsewhere in the Pacific, a separate typhoon whipped the Mariana Islands, including Guam, with high winds and heavy rain. By late Sunday, Typhoon Phanfone was off the coast of Shikoku in southwestern Japan, with winds of up to 144 kilometers (90 miles) per hour after hitting the regions of Okinawa and Kyushu, Japan's Meteorological Agency said.

One of the three airmen was found dead. The other two were missing, according to the Air Force and the Japanese coast guard.

They had been on Okinawa island's northern coast when they were overcome by the waves, according to Tsuguyoshi Miyagi of the coast guard's Okinawa branch.

The Air Force said the search for the missing airmen had been interrupted by rough seas. Their names were being withheld pending notification of relatives. Okinawa is home to about half of the roughly 50,000 American troops stationed in Japan.

Several people on Kyushu island were injured in the typhoon. The storm also grounded more than 100 flights Sunday and knocked out power to more than 9,500 Kyushu homes.

In Suzuka, in central Japan, a French driver was severely injured following an accident in the Japanese Grand Prix that had to be shortened because the heavy rain made conditions too dangerous. Formula One driver Jules Bianchi of the Marussia team went off the track at a turn and hit a recovery vehicle that was removing a car that had crashed earlier.

An unconscious Bianchi was taken to a nearby hospital



Pedestrians struggle to cross a street in Miyazaki, southern Japan, in heavy rain and strong winds caused by a powerful typhoon approaching to Japan Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014.

Associated Press

where he underwent emergency surgery for a severe head injury. Race officials said he was in critical condition.

The storm triggered concern about possible landslides on the ash-covered volcano in central Japan that erupted Sept. 27 and killed at least 51 hikers. The search for a dozen people missing in the eruption was suspended Sunday because of rain from the approaching storm.

The meteorological agency predicted that up to 40 centimeters (16 inches) of rain could fall in central Japan by Monday morning. In the Marianas,

the eye of the typhoon skirted the small island of Rota. Power outages and minor flooding were reported in some areas on Monday morning as damage reports were starting to arrive. Rota has about 2,500 residents and many buildings made of concrete.

The weather service canceled a flash-flood watch for the islands around 8:30 a.m. Monday, as the storm shifted farther west. Light to moderate rain was expected to continue for several hours, with occasional downpours, but major flooding wasn't expected, the agency

said.

Typhoon Vongfong had maximum sustained winds estimated at 105 mph, said Roger Edson of the National Weather Service in Guam.

Winds on the islands of Guam, Tinian and Saipan were gusting to at least 55 mph, he said.

Residents on Guam heeded warnings about high winds and possible flooding by taking shelter at designated public schools. The island government and many businesses were expected to be closed Monday, and most flights were canceled. □



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Israeli leader: White House criticism un-American

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister dismissed a recent White House rebuke of Israeli settlement construction, saying in comments broadcast on Sunday that the criticism goes "against American values."

The tough words by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatened to deepen a rift with the White House over Israeli construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, areas captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war and claimed by the Palestinians as parts of a future independent state.

Israel came under fire last week after a Jerusalem city official signed the final go-ahead for construction of a new housing development in east Jerusalem. A day earlier, an ultranationalist Jewish group said dozens of settlers would move into six apartment buildings purchased in the heart of a predominantly



President Barack Obama meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014.
Associated Press

Arab neighborhood of east Jerusalem.

Israel says east Jerusalem is part of its capital and considers Jewish housing developments there to be neighborhoods of the city. But the international

community, including the United States, does not recognize Israel's annexation of the area and considers construction there to be illegitimate settlement activity.

In a striking public rebuke last week, the Obama administration warned Israel that the new project would distance Israel from "even its closest allies" and raise

questions about its commitment to seeking peace with Palestinians.

In an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS's "Face the Nation," Netanyahu said he does not accept restrictions on where Jews could live, and said that Jerusalem's Arabs and Jews should be able to buy homes wherever they want.

He said he was "baffled" by the American condemnation. "It's against the American values. And it doesn't bode well for peace," he said. "The idea that we'd have this ethnic purification as a condition for peace, I think it's anti-peace." The interview was recorded Thursday. The White House declined comment. □

Boat capsizes in Thailand; 2 Indian tourists dead

BANGKOK (AP) — Two Indian tourists drowned Sunday near a popular resort area in southern Thailand after their boat capsized in bad weather, police said, the latest blow to the country's tourism industry. The pair were not wearing life jackets when the small boat they were traveling in overturned during a heavy downpour about 100 meters (yards) from Nopparatara beach in Krabi province, local police officer Rittichai Wangsud said. The tourists were returning from a visit to nearby

Railay Beach, which is well known for the towering limestone crags that line its shores.

Rittichai said the boat's Thai pilot survived and was in custody. He said the man was being charged in the deaths and could face up to 10 years in jail.

Thailand's tourist industry has been struggling to recover from a May 22 military coup, and Sunday's deaths come after the killing last month of two British tourists on a beach on the southern Thai island of Koh Tao. □

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Hong Kong protesters at odds over pullback plan

**ELAINE KURTENBACH
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Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's pro-democracy activists agreed Sunday to remove some barriers blocking roads and side-walks ahead of the government's deadline to scale back their protests. But the demonstrators appeared to be divided, and others refused to budge, with only hours to go.

An alliance of students said it had tried but so far failed to reach agreement with officials on a plan to begin talks on their demands for wider political reforms. The group vowed to continue protests until details of the talks might be worked out. "If the government uses force to clear away protesters, there will be no room for dialogue," Lester Shum, one of the group's leaders, told reporters.

Earlier in the day, students occupying the area just outside city government headquarters agreed to remove some barricades that were blocking the building's entrance, after the government said it would do whatever was necessary to ensure 3,000 civil servants would have full access to their offices on Monday.

The partial withdrawal appeared to be part of a strategy to regroup in another part of town, as protesters were urged to shift from other areas to Hong Kong's Admiralty shopping and business district, a central location near the government's main offices that has served as an informal headquarters for the protests.



A student pro-democracy protester monitors the news on her smartphone as she and others sit outside Hong Kong's Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying's office, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014 in Hong Kong. Associated Press

Alex Chow, another student leader, said he was not worried about the crowd dwindling as people prepared to return to work and school on Monday.

"Because people need rest, but they will come out again. It doesn't mean the movement is diminishing. Many people still support it," Chow said.

Officials said they intended to have key streets open for schools and offices by Monday morning, but it was unclear whether they would act to clear the streets and other areas by force or just settle for a partial victory in clearing some roads. The government announced a reopening of schools and some roads, but indicated some disruptions were likely to continue.

"To restore order, we are determined, and we are confident we have the ca-

pability to take any necessary action," police spokesman Steve Hui said. "There should not be any unreasonable, unnecessary obstruction by any members of the public."

Television footage showed a man shaking hands with a police officer outside government headquarters and the two sides removing some barricades together. About 300 demonstrators stood by outside the government building's main entrance, but then many sat back down and refused to leave. Later in the evening, some barriers along walkways into the building were moved out of the way.

"I'm against any kind of withdrawal or tendency to surrender," said Do Chan, a protester in his 30s. "I think withdrawing, I mean shaking hands with the police,

is a very ugly gesture of surrender."

The situation remained volatile across the harbor in Hong Kong's Mong Kok district, a shopping area where ugly confrontations broke out Friday and Saturday after opponents of the protesters tried to force them out. Many demonstrators heeded calls to head home or shift to the Admiralty area. A few hundred, however, appeared determined to stay. As the evening wore on, some sang songs and clapped, while groups of older men lingered nearby, smoking and drinking, as police stood watch.

"I don't know what the next step is, but I will not retreat. The people you see here will not retreat," said Burnett Tung, an 18-year-old student who has served as a volunteer at a food-

supply station outside government headquarters all week.

In Mong Kok late Sunday, police officers carrying guns patrolled the area, and at least one officer was seen carrying tear gas canisters.

"This is a public place. People need to use this road. People need to live here," said Johnson Cheung, 26, who works in a duty-free shop. "The students don't need to make a living. Their parents pay for them. But we have jobs. We have to live."

Tens of thousands of people, many of them students, have poured into the streets of the semi-autonomous city since Sept. 28 to peacefully protest China's restrictions on the first-ever direct election for Hong Kong's leader, promised by Beijing for 2017. The protests are the strongest challenge to authorities in Hong Kong — and in Beijing — since the former British colony returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

China has promised that Hong Kong can have universal suffrage by 2017, but it says a committee of mostly pro-Beijing figures must screen candidates for the top job. The protesters also are demanding the resignation of Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, the city's current leader. He has refused to step down.

With the standoff stretching into a second week, tempers flared and patience was waning among residents who oppose the occupation of the streets and the disruption it has brought. □



A woman holding up a sheet of paper with the face of the Portuguese Education Minister Nuno Crato, shouts slogans during a protest by Portuguese teachers in Lisbon, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014. Associated Press

Portuguese teachers protest austerity cuts

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Several hundred Portuguese schoolteachers demonstrated Sunday in Lisbon to protest the government's education policies, especially spending cuts. Seven teachers' unions

organized the march, attracting protesters from across the country. Among the issues angering unions are evaluation tests for seasoned teachers, a lack of investment in specialized training, cuts to school

budgets and layers of additional bureaucratic responsibilities being added to teachers' workloads. The protesters are also upset over the forced closures of schools with few students. Portugal's center-right government has cut funds for public education and trimmed teachers' pay in recent years as part of an austerity program. The measures were among those enacted in return for Portugal's three-year, 78 billion euro (\$101 billion) international bailout. □



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2 surfers die at famed beach in northern Spain

BY HAROLD HECKLE

Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Spanish police say two surfers have died after struggling with the currents off the northern beach resort of Zarautz.

Emergency services were called Sunday morning after other surfers had pulled the two onto the beach, police said. One surfer had run into trouble and the second went to assist but also foundered, a spokesman said. Resuscitation efforts were not

successful.

The Basque coast facing the Bay of Biscay is renowned among surfers. The beach at Zarautz, 40 kilometers (25 miles) west of the French border, is popular because of the type of waves it offers. It also hosts a well-known surfing school.

The police spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to be cited by name, said the victims had not yet been identified. □

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Cocaine cash is polluting Peruvian politics

FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press

IRAZOLA, Peru (AP) — In his run for governor of a rough Peruvian jungle state, Manuel Gambini has repeatedly cited his plaudits from the U.S. government for promoting the cultivation of cocoa beans over coca leaves in this cocaine-producing hotspot.

But the man the U.S. Agency for International Development held up as recently as 2012 as a “dynamic new partner” is now under investigation for money laundering, having amassed a curious-sized fortune despite a small mayoral salary.

Gambini is among hundreds of candidates in Sunday's local and state elections suspected of being bankrolled by drug trafficking, a phenomena that threatens to hijack democracy in a country that became the world's top cocaine producer two years ago. The infiltration of drug money in Peru's politics has become so brazen and widespread as to draw comparisons with the conditions in Colombia and Mexico that preceded major political bloodletting.

“We are now a despicable reflection of what Colombia was — and what Mexico is today,” said Sonia Medina, Peru's public prosecutor for drug enforcement. Peru is far less violent, but drug-related murders have been on the rise since the mid-2000s, when Colombian and Mexican traffickers began arriving in greater numbers.

One of every three Peruvian voters lives in a region with candidates under investigation, on trial or previously convicted of drug-related crimes. Medina said her office has identified 700 such candidates.

Gambini, a 43-year-old for-

mer coca farmer, is among at least seven gubernatorial candidates — in a quarter of Peru's 24 states — under investigation for drug trafficking or related crimes.

A separate “narco candi-

deposits of \$4 million — mostly in cash — made to companies he and two of his brothers own.

Picon, who hails from the heart of coca country, denied Medina's claim that his companies don't make

He has just been ordered to appear Tuesday before a judge after a prosecutor requested he be jailed preventively on charges of allegedly embezzling \$50 million from overvalued public works projects, said

land, some of which “may have coca fields,” has two homes worth \$180,000 and is now president of the soccer club based in the regional capital of Pucallpa, whose monthly payroll exceeds \$50,000.

As mayor, he earns less than \$2,000 a month.

Since Gambini first entered office in 2007, the order said, he apparently hid his wealth through his brother and several associates, transforming “simple farmers into economic potentates” with multiple properties, late-model SUVs and heavy trucks.

At a political rally last week that featured free beer on ice, Gambini denied the accusations, calling them lies fabricated by political foes.

He said that his land holdings amount to half-a-square mile (130 hectares) and that he owned a saw mill before being elected mayor. He gave up growing coca in 2003 at the encouragement of USAID, he said.

Critics say Peru's lawmakers have intentionally made its political system fertile ground for dirty money through inaction or intentional legal loopholes.

Gambini, for example, does not mention his earnings or holdings in the official biography submitted to the National Electoral Commission and posted online. It is not required.

Of the roughly 126,000 candidates, only 11 percent filed such disclosures, according to the independent watchdog group Transparencia, which partnered with news website Utero.pe to compare official bios with various public databases. They discovered 1,395 convicted criminals, including 13 drug traffickers. □



In this Sept. 25, 2014 photo, Ucayali gubernatorial candidate Manuel Gambini poses for a photo during an interview prior to a campaign rally in Irazola, Peru.

Associated Press

date” list compiled by the interior minister names 124 electoral hopefuls, including two current governors. Of note is an incumbent mayor, Silvia Cloud, whose husband is a fugitive drug boss in the Upper Huallaga Valley, cradle of the global cocaine trade.

In Irazola, one of Gambini's associates, a convicted cocaine trafficker, is running for mayor. He has been the district's treasurer since 2009.

And in the state of Huanuco, Luis Picon is running for re-election even though he faces probes for money laundering, drug trafficking, embezzlement, tax evasion and illegal enrichment. A report by financial investigators details questionable

a profit and are propped up by illicit income.

“We are more than happy to cooperate in this kind of investigation,” he told The Associated Press when questioned after a campaign rally last weekend just outside Huanuco, eponymous capital of the state he governs. He said the unusual cash deposits should be “investigated scientifically.”

But Medina says Picon has resisted cooperation at every turn in the money-laundering probe, which was opened in 2010 and which a local prosecutor tried to shelve last year. That happens to her all the time, Medina says.

Picon could soon find resistance more complicated.

Christian Salas, Peru's anti-corruption public prosecutor.

Gambini entered the governor's race in adjacent Ucayali state after a money laundering probe made national headlines, sidelining the incumbent.

As two-term mayor of Irazola, a poor farming district where the Andes meet the Amazon, Gambini enriched himself as well as relatives and associates “closely tied to drug trafficking,” according to an eight-page order for a money laundering probe issued Aug. 29 and obtained by AP.

Supporting documents say Gambini personally acquired more than 38 square miles (10,000 hectares) of



Aruba Marriott Invites International Press To Experience Aruba “Adult Playtime”



PALM BEACH, ARUBA (October, 2) – Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino recently invited a group of five US journalists to visit Aruba to explore some fun island “adult playtime”. The press trip initiated with a fun class of Beach Tennis by Red Sail Sports at Moomba Beach with professional Beach Tennis player Cado de Lannoy, where the journalists learned the basics of Beach Tennis while playing a competition with each other at the end. Afterwards, it was time for some fun in the sun on the Afternoon Delight Catamaran Sail with De Palm Tours. Snorkeling at the Antilla shipwreck and Arashi Beach was sure some great highlight of the press

trip. At night the group enjoyed an exquisite dinner in bed at the Screaming Eagle opting for the Carte Blanche menu which consists of original culinary dishes prepared by Chef Erwin Hüsken. When visiting Screaming Eagle, make sure to ask for the deep fried brie cheese with bleu berry compote. It is an absolute delight. On the second day, the journalists were welcomed to the Aruba Marriott Resort's governor's suite, where a special brunch with an amazing view was arranged for the group to enjoy while gathering with Tom Calame (Aruba Marriott's Complex GM), Matt Knights (Hotel Manager) and Carolina Voulleme (Director of Sales &

Marketing). The midday was reserved to indulge in relaxing spa treatments at Mandara Spa followed by a tranquil paddle yoga lesson by Vela Aruba's talented yoga instructor. In the evening, the group joined for dinner at Simply Fish located at the Aruba Marriott Resort for a wonderful farewell dinner offering the journalists the unique Aruban ‘dinner on the beach’ experience. The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino would like to thank Red Sail Sports, De Palm Tours, Screaming Eagle, Mandara Spa and Vela Aruba for their kind cooperation, hospitality and for making this press trip a memorable one. Pictures by Sanne van den Endel and Lisa Schwartz. □

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ing departments had their individual schedules of celebrations at the hotels and off property. The Resort team participated in a fun training, family day at De Palm Island, BBQ at the beach and bowling night.

The Ocean Club associates participated with bingo games, bus tour, day at the waterpark and special lunch with live entertainment. Associates of the Surf Club celebrated their special week with beach

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Maria Sharapova of Russia raises the winner's trophy after beating Petra Kvitová of the Czech Republic in the women's singles final at China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Stadium in Beijing, China, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014.

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Djokovic, Sharapova capture China Open titles

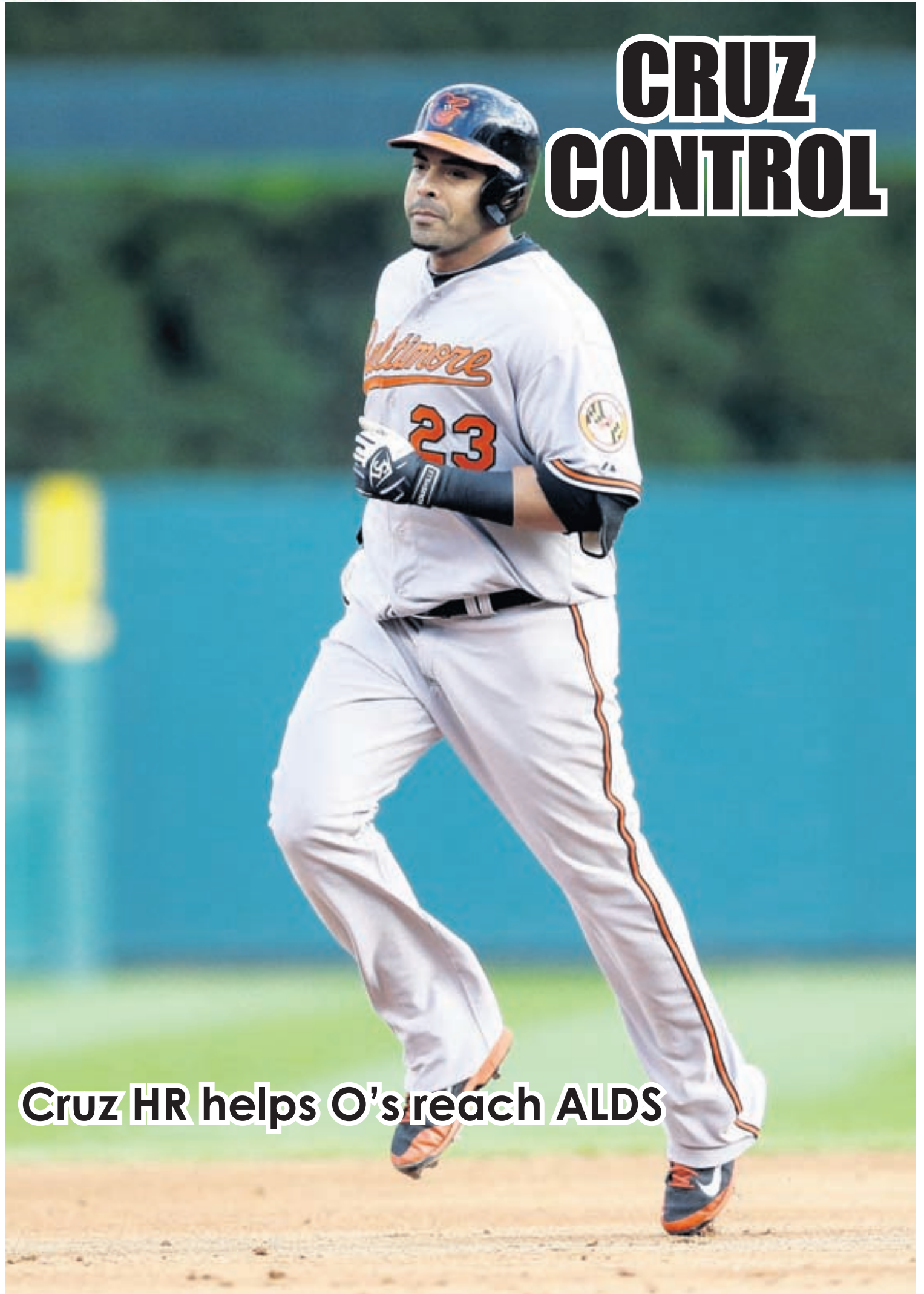
JUSTIN BERGMAN
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Top-ranked Novak Djokovic won his fifth China Open title in what he called the most dominant final of his career, routing third-seeded Tomas Berdych 6-0, 6-2 on Sunday in a little over an hour.

Djokovic was one point away from handing Berdych a "double bagel" — a 6-0, 6-0 defeat — but the Czech player fought off match point, then broke Djokovic to win his first game. He raised both arms in celebration and smiled with relief as the crowd roared.

The Serb sealed the victory two games later to improve his sparkling record at the China Open to 24-0. "I met somebody in the final who I've never seen before," Berdych said. "I was just swept out from the court."

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CRUZ CONTROL

Cruz HR helps O's reach ALDS

Baltimore Orioles designated hitter Nelson Cruz (23) rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run in the sixth inning in Game 3 of baseball's AL Division Series against the Detroit Tigers Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Detroit.

Associated Press



Chicago Fire goalie Sean Johnson blocks a shot by the Montreal Impact during the second half of an MLS soccer game on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Bridgeview, Ill. The teams tied 0-0.

Associated Press

COMMERCE CITY, Colorado (AP) — Nigeria forward Obafemi Martins scored a goal in each half as the Seattle Sounders cruised to a 4-1 victory over the Colorado Rapids in Major League Soccer on Sunday.

Clint Dempsey and Marco Pappa also scored for the Sounders, who surpassed the club record for wins in a season set in 2010, and equaled the LA Galaxy for the top spot in MLS for the third week in a row. The

Martins double leads Sounders past Rapids

Rapids also set a club record, extending their winless streak to 11 games. Dempsey opened the scoring with a penalty in the 11th minute. Martins scored in the 28th and Pappa in the 33rd, extending Seattle's lead to 3-0. Deshorn Brown scored the Rapids' lone goal in the 43rd minute, and Martins added his second goal in the 70th to cap the scoring. Former Ecuador forward Felix Borja scored from a rebound in the 47th minute as Chivas USA beat Real Salt Lake to 1-0 to end a 12-game winless streak.

Chivas USA also ended a seven-game losing streak. Chicago dropped from playoff contention after adding an 18th draw to its MLS season record finishing

0-0 against the Montreal Impact. The Fire forced Montreal's Evan Bush to make eight saves. Sean Johnson had two for Chicago. □



Ireland's Daniel Martin raises his arms up in celebration as he crosses the finish line to win the Tour of Lombardia cycling race, in Bergamo, Italy, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014.

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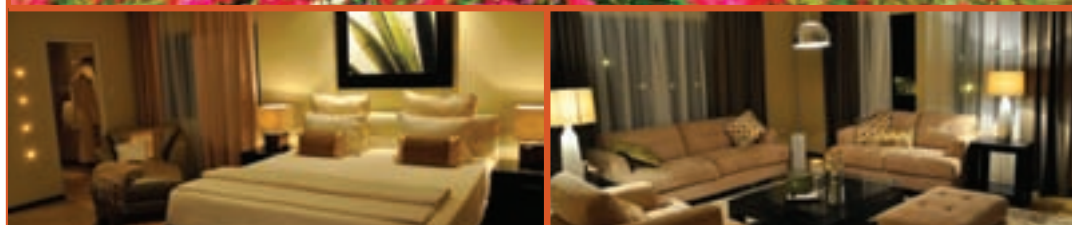
Martin wins Il Lombardia ahead of Valverde, Costa

BERGAMO, Italy (AP) — Dan Martin put a tough year behind him as he timed his attack to perfection to win the Il Lombardia single-day cycling race Sunday. Martin started his sprint inside the final kilometer and built up enough time to lift his arms in celebration as he crossed the line ahead of Alejandro Valverde and former world champion Rui Costa. The Irishman had crashed out of a number of races this year including on the opening stage of the Giro d'Italia in Belfast and had also fallen on the final corner of last year's Lombardia. "I just love this race, it's one of my favorite races," Martin said. "To get second and crash in the last corner last year, it's just incredible to win it, especially after all the bad luck this year." N Martin clocked a time of 6 hours, 25 minutes, 33 seconds on the 260-kilometer (161.56-mile) route from Como to Berga-

mo, winning by a margin of one second ahead of a group that included two-time defending champion Joaquin Rodriguez, who was eighth. There was an early break of 11 riders who led for most of the race and at one point had an advantage of over 11 minutes. However, that gap started dropping sharply on the approach to the Passo di Ganda — at the start of the most difficult part of the course — and there was just Sergio Paulinho and Andrea Fedi left up front with 40K (25 miles) to go. Pieter Weening and Ben Hermans took over the lead in the final 30K (19 miles) but they were caught at the foot of the final climb as Martin's teammate Ryder Hesjedal helped power the peloton. Tim Wellens made a move toward the top but he was quickly caught by Philippe Gilbert, with Martin closing the gap on the lead group on the descent. □



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Logano wins at Kansas to advance in title race



NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Joey Logano celebrates his victory in the Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014.

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KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AP)

— Joey Logano grabbed the first berth into the next round of NASCAR's championship race with a victory Sunday at Kansas Speedway.

Logano's win advanced him into the third round of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, which begins after stops at Charlotte and Talladega. Four drivers will be cut from the 12-driver field after Talladega.

"Getting us to the next round, that's awesome," Logano said. "This is so much fun, I'm having a blast this year, and we've got a real shot to win this championship. I feel like we're one of the teams to beat."

It was Logano's career-best fifth win of the season and ties with him Team Penske teammate Brad Keselowski for most in the Sprint Cup Series.

Kyle Larson — who is not part of the Chase — finished second and was followed by championship-eligible driver Kyle Busch, who finished a career-best third at a track where he has continuously seen his title hopes fall apart.

"I won today," Busch said, "I just didn't get champagne and a trophy."

Kansas is noted for destroying the championship chances of many a driver, and Sunday saw four Chase drivers finish 22nd or worse. That included three of the Hendrick Motorsports cars — and six-time and

defending NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson.

Johnson, who spun during Friday qualifying and started 32nd, was mired in thick traffic when he was hit by Greg Biffle just 85 laps into the race. He was forced to take his Chevrolet to the garage for repairs and finished 40th.

"It just means we've got to be on our game at Charlotte and Talladega," Johnson said. "We'll see how the other Chasers fare. If I can get taken out today, somebody else can later in this event or at Charlotte. Certainly need W's, I would assume, going forward."

He was spot-on about other Chasers having problems. Teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr. was leading when a flat tire caused him to hit the wall. He finished 39th after leading 45 laps in what had been shaping up to be his strongest race so far in this Chase.

"Just the whole surface of the tire unwound like a string.

It just came off the tire and it popped off the corner," said Earnhardt. "Man, that was a great race car. We hadn't been running very good the last several weeks."

Keselowski was the next to suffer a tire problem that sent him into the wall. He finished 36th.

"Russian Roulette," Keselowski said, "and it was our turn."

Kasey Kahne was the third Hendrick car to see his day fall apart when he hit the wall. He was 22nd.

With so many drivers experi-

encing tire problems, Kevin Harvick grew nervous when his car suddenly struggled to turn. He radioed to his Stewart-Haas Racing team that he had a tire down and pitted under green from third place.

Crew chief Rodney Childers reported to Harvick that all

the tires were fine, but the damage was done: Harvick had dropped to 23rd, was out of contention for the victory and had to charge his way back to a 12th-place finish. He had led 61 laps prior to his pit stop.

It puts the pressure on for

some of NASCAR's top drivers, most of whom had feared this second round of the Chase from the very beginning. They must be perfect next week at Charlotte to avoid putting their title hopes on the line at Talladega, a notorious crashout of a race. □

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On the women's side, Maria Sharapova outlasted Petra Kvitova 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 in a hard-hitting, back-and-forth duel to win the title and return to No. 2 in the rankings.

Djokovic said he woke up Sunday with a good feeling, and that continued when he stepped on court and broke Berdych in the first game.

"Everything felt right," he said. "I stepped on the court with this positive mindset. Obviously, I felt it from the start."

His statistics looked fairly routine: 19 winners and nine unforced errors, though many of those came in the two games he lost at the end. The difference was the way he relentlessly pressured Berdych's serve and prevented him from getting close to a break point on his.

"This has been, under the circumstances, probably



Novak Djokovic of Serbia kisses his trophy after he won over Tomas Berdych of Czech Republic in the men's singles final at China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Stadium in Beijing, China, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014. Associated Press

the best performance in all finals in my career I played," he said. "It was incredible."

The No. 6-ranked Berdych said there was not much he could do.

"I probably played maybe over, what, 600 matches in my career, and I met guys like Andre (Agassi), Roger (Federer), all those probably in their best times," he said. "But I have never, ever experienced anything like that."

Djokovic said he's hoping to carry the momentum to another title at the Shanghai Masters next week. Djokovic is on a 25-match winning streak overall in China, having also won in Shanghai in 2012 and 2013. He has not lost in China since Federer beat him in the Shanghai semifinals in 2010.

Sharapova overcame 10 double-faults and a number of untimely errors to defeat Kvitova in a rematch

of their 2011 Wimbledon final, won by the Czech left-hander.

The Russian had leads of 3-0 and 4-2 in the third set, but made consecutive errors in the seventh game to give Kvitova break point to get back on serve. She saved it with a hard, deep shot to the corner that Kvitova dumped in the net, then tracked down a short ball and hit a sharply angled backhand winner to make it 5-2.

After missing the end of last season with an injured shoulder, Sharapova is now wrapping up one of her most successful years on tour. She captured her fifth Grand Slam title at the French Open and now has four titles for the year — her most in a single season since 2006.

With the win, she'll also jump past Simona Halep and Kvitova from fourth to second in the rankings, within striking distance of top-ranked Serena Williams.

At this time last year,

Sharapova was looking into different treatment options for her shoulder, not sure when she'd return to the court.

"It was mentally a tough time because I was just in the middle of Europe trying to find a solution, yet everyone was still playing," she said.

"It's definitely great to be a year later in a situation where this is my fourth title of the year, you know, a Grand Slam this year. A lot to put in perspective. You look back and think about how you kind of struggled, but you kept going."

Kvitova, the reigning Wimbledon champion, fell short of earning her second title in as many weeks following her victory last weekend at the Wuhan Open. She was playing her ninth match in 13 days and seemed to struggle with her energy levels as the match wore on. "Yeah, I was tired," she said. "But it was final. Every time I'm playing final, I'm giving everything I have inside." □



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Orioles sweep Tigers, Royals sweep Angels in ALDS

DETROIT (AP) — Nelson Cruz sliced a two-run homer for his latest big postseason hit as the Baltimore Orioles swept aside Detroit's Cy Young pitching award winners to hold off the Tigers 2-1 Sunday and reach the American League Championship Series for the first time since 1997.

Bud Norris outpitched David Price in Game 3 of the AL Division Series. The Tigers scored in the ninth and put the tying run on second with no outs, but Orioles closer Zach Britton escaped the jam and lifted Buck Showalter into his first ALCS in 16 seasons as a big league manager.

Baltimore opens the ALCS on Friday at home against the Kansas City Royals, who beat the Los Angeles Angels 8-3 to complete a sweep of their AL Division Series.

Back in the playoffs for the first time since 1985, the wild-card Royals went 4-3 against the Orioles this year.

Cruz's homer was the 16th of his postseason career, including eight against the Tigers. He was the MVP of the 2011 ALCS for Texas in a six-game victory over Detroit.

Cruz spent much of this past offseason without a team after serving a 50-game suspension last year for violating baseball's drug agreement.

Norris allowed just two hits over 6 1-3 innings, and Andrew Miller got five straight outs to keep the shutout going.

Victor Martinez and J.D. Martinez opened the ninth with back-to-back doubles off Britton. Bryan Holaday struck out after a failed bunt attempt, and Showalter made the unconventional decision to put the



Baltimore Orioles designated hitter Nelson Cruz hits a two-run home run in the sixth inning in Game 3 of baseball's AL Division Series against the Detroit Tigers, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Detroit.

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winning run on base by intentionally walking Nick Castellanos.

Cruz led the majors with 40 homers this season, and the Orioles topped baseball with 211. It was his two-run homer in the first inning of the opener that set the tone for this series, and he came through again in the sixth inning against Price. Cruz's drive cleared the wall in right, about 2 feet to the left of the foul pole.

Later, Alex Gordon hit a bases-clearing double in the first inning, and Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas each homered to help Kansas City to the win.

The Royals' James Shields allowed homers to Mike Trout and Albert Pujols over six otherwise solid innings. C.J. Wilson failed to es-



A Kansas City Royals fan celebrates with a broom during the sixth inning of Game 3 of baseball's AL Division Series against the Los Angeles Angels in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014.

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Hoyer leads rally as Browns beat Titans 29-28

NASHVILLE, Tennessee

(AP) — Brian Hoyer threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Travis Benjamin with 1:09 left, and the Browns rallied from a 25-point deficit in beating the Tennessee Titans 29-28 Sunday for the biggest comeback in franchise history.

The Browns (2-2) had never rallied from more than 20 points, and easily topped the comeback on Dec. 4, 1966, when Cleveland trailed the Giants 34-14 and won 49-40, according to STATS. It was the biggest road comeback in NFL history.

They couldn't have made it tougher on themselves as they fell behind 28-3 in the first half. They snapped a seven-game road skid scoring 26 unanswered points, including 16 in the fourth quarter.

The Titans (1-4) had a massive collapse — their biggest since moving to Tennessee in 1997.

Jake Locker didn't return after hurting his right thumb in the second quarter, and backup Charlie Whitehurst couldn't protect the big lead.

Saints 37, Buccaneers 31, OT

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Khiry Robinson's tackle-breaking, 18-yard touchdown run in overtime lifted the Saints.

Pierre Thomas caught eight passes out of the backfield for 77 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for 35 yards and a score to help New Orleans (2-3) overcome Drew Brees' three interceptions — and an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Brees completed 35 of 57 passes for 371 yards and two touchdowns, but two of his interceptions led directly to Buccaneers touchdowns. His third ended a potential winning drive in the final minute of regulation.

Making his second straight start for Tampa Bay (1-4), Mike Glennon was 19 for 32 for 249 yards and two touchdowns. He was intercepted once and sacked by Junior Galette for a



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) throws his 500th career touchdown pass during the first half of an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Denver.

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safety in the fourth quarter. Cowboys 20, Texans 17, OT **ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Dan Bailey kicked a 49-yard field goal in overtime after a miss at the end of regulation ended his franchise record streak of made kicks. Bailey's kick was set up when Tony Romo threw off his back foot with pressure coming and Dez Bryant made a spectacular leaping catch for 37 yards.

The Cowboys (4-1) won their fourth straight for the first time since 2011 despite blowing a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter.

The Texans (3-2) rallied behind Arian Foster, who had 157 yards rushing and a tying 1-yard score with 41 seconds left in regulation.

Bailey's miss from 53 yards on the final play of regulation ended a franchise record streak of 30 straight made field goals.

Broncos 41, Cardinals 20 **DENVER (AP)** — Peyton Manning joined Brett Favre in the NFL's most exclusive of clubs with his 500th touchdown pass.

Manning finished with four TD throws, moving him within five of Favre's record 508. Manning found tight end Julius Thomas twice

with a possible concussion. Chargers 31, Jets 0

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Philip Rivers threw two touchdown passes to Antonio Gates and rookie running back Branden Oliver's big day included his first two NFL touchdowns.

The Chargers (4-1) heaped more pain on the Jets (1-4), who lost their fourth straight game and turned to Michael Vick. Vick replaced Geno Smith on New York's first possession of the second half, but wasn't any more effective.

Other than being sacked three times, Rivers had his way with the Jets. He was 20 of 28 for 288 yards and three touchdowns, with one interception.

It was the first shutout in the NFL this season.

The Chargers' last shutout victory was 31-0 against Kansas City on Dec.

fourth quarter, giving a direct snap to Craig Dahl for a 3-yard run up the middle. Kaepernick directed the offense downfield, and Phil Dawson kicked a 27-yard field goal with 8:42 to play for the go-ahead score.

Dawson also connected from 55, 52, 35 and 30 yards.

The 49ers held off former franchise quarterback Alex Smith and the Chiefs (2-3) twice in the closing moments. Smith threw for 175 yards and two touchdowns, but Perrish Cox intercepted his overthrown pass to end any chance Kansas City had to rally.

Panthers 31, Bears 24

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Cam Newton threw two touchdown passes to Greg Olsen and the Panthers' defense forced four turnovers to overcome a 14-point deficit.

With the game tied at 24, Carolina's Antoine Cason stripped Matt Forte of the ball and the Kawaan Short recovered at Chicago's 23. Six plays later, Newton found Olsen on a slant route for a 6-yard touchdown with 2:18 left.

The Panthers sealed the win when Short sacked Jay Cutler and Charles Johnson recovered a fumble as the Panthers (3-2) snapped a two-game losing streak and reclaimed first place in the NFC South.

Newton was 19 of 35 for 255 yards with two touchdown passes and one interception. Olsen had six catches for 72 yards.

Cutler was 28 of 36 for 289 yards with two TDs, but turned over the ball three times for the Bears (2-3).

Bills 17, Lions 14

DETROIT (AP) — Dan Carpenter hit a 58-yard field goal with 4 seconds remaining to lift Buffalo.

Kyle Orton, making his debut as Bills starter, set up the decisive kick by completing a 20-yard pass over the middle to Sammy Watkins as Buffalo (3-2) overcame a 14-0 deficit. It was the eighth game Orton has won in overtime or when trailing in the fourth quarter. □



Cleveland Browns wide receiver Travis Benjamin catches a 17-yard pass for a touchdown against the Tennessee Titans in the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Nashville, Tenn.

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in the end zone, including the touchstone touchdown, a 7-yard dart in the first quarter.

Yet, it was wide receiver Demaryius Thomas who had the biggest day for the Broncos (3-1) with eight catches for a team-record 226 yards and two TDs. That beat Shannon Sharpe's mark of 214 yards set against Kansas City in 2002.

Arizona (3-1) saw quarterback Drew Stanton leave

12, 2010. The Jets were blanked for the first time since losing 34-0 against San Francisco on Sept. 30, 2012.

49ers 22, Chiefs 17

SANTA CLARA, California (AP) — Colin Kaepernick threw for 201 yards and a touchdown, Frank Gore ran for 107 yards and the 49ers converted a fake punt.

The 49ers (3-2) turned to a trick play on fourth-and-1 from their 29 early in the



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U.S. women rout Spain for second straight gold medal

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AP Basketball Writer

ISTANBUL (AP) — Sue Bird added another gold medal to her already incredible U.S. basketball resume.

Bird became the most-decorated player in world championship history when the Americans won a second straight gold with a 77-64 victory over Spain on Sunday night.

Bird has won three gold medals and a bronze.

"It was a great win for us," Bird said. "We had one goal the entire time this team's been together and that's win a gold medal. A lot of people see a lot of talent and think it's going to be easy and it's not. Whenever you can win a gold medal and it's a tough journey, everyone's happy. I'm definitely proud of this team."

While Bird was quick to deflect what winning a fourth medal meant to her, coach Geno Auriemma was quick to heap praise on his point guard.

"She's very indicative of what USA Basketball is. She's loyal, a great leader,



US basketball players hold their trophy, following their victory over Spain at the Basketball World Championship for Women's final, at Fenerbahce Arena in Istanbul, Turkey, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014.

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everyone respects her," Auriemma said. "She's been the youngest player on the team and now's the oldest player on the team.

She's seen it all and done it all. I think when you talk about USA Basketball in the future on the women's side. There have been a lot

of great names and her name will be mentioned very early in the names of players who play for USA." Maya Moore scored 18 points and earned MVP honors for the tournament. Lindsay Whalen added 12 points for the United States (6-0), which hasn't lost in a gold medal game in the world championship since 1983, when it was beaten by the Soviet Union 84-82. Except for a hiccup in 2006 when the Americans lost to Russia in the semifinals, they have won every Olympic and world championship game since 1996. If not for that upset in Brazil, the U.S. would have five straight world titles.

"I know when I hear 2006, it still makes me mad," Bird said of her only bronze medal.

The Americans quickly

turned it into a laugh, jumping out to a 13-point lead in the first 4 1/4 minutes. Spain (5-1) could only get within seven the rest of the way.

Moore was the key in that early burst, scoring 11 points during the opening 18-5 run. Her 3-pointers barely moved the net as the Americans blitzed Spain, which was making its first appearance in the championship game.

"It's always a focus, we want to punch first," Moore said. "I put pressure on myself and the starting five, we put pressure on ourselves to get a good start, set the tone for the game." Behind strong offensive rebounding,

the Spaniards rallied to within 24-17, but then Whalen took over. She had nine points during a 13-0 run by the Americans spanning the end of the first and start of the second quarter to make it a 20-point game. Whalen ended the first quarter with a spectacular drive that ended with a floater in the lane right before the buzzer.

During the burst, Diana Taurasi threw a pinpoint pass to a streaking Seimone Augustus for another lay-in and the U.S. was off and running.

"We knew that we had to come in and provide a spark and I had an aggressive mentality," Whalen said. The Americans led 48-29 at the half.

It was more of the same in the second half for the U.S., which led by 25 points before Spain closed the game with a 14-2 run.

"It's sweet to have a silver medal around your neck as we are one step closer to a gold," said Sancho Lyttle, who led Spain with 16 points. □

James sits second half, Cavs beat Maccabi 107-80

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 12 points before resting in the second half as the Cleveland Cavaliers gave new coach David Blatt a preseason win over his former team, beating Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv 107-80 on Sunday. James has been monitoring a sore back in training camp. He was kept out of a practice Friday and Blatt is being cautious with the four-time MVP. James emerged from the locker

room at halftime with ice wraps on both knees and one on his back. He spent the rest of the night watching his teammates wear down one of Europe's best squads.

It was an emotional night for Blatt, who led Maccabi to several titles, including the Euroleague championship last year. Kyrie Irving added 16 points and Kevin Love 11 rebounds for the Cavs. Sylvan Landesberg scored 23 for Maccabi. □



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James looks to pass against Maccabi Tel Aviv's Alex Tyus in the first quarter of an exhibition basketball game Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Cleveland.

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U.S. job growth is rising solidly, so why isn't pay?

By **JOSH BOAK**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Where are the pay raises?

Employers in the United States are hiring at a brisk pace. Unemployment has sunk to a nearly healthy rate. Jobs are being filled across a range of industries. Yet the September jobs report released Friday contained a puzzling fact: Paychecks still aren't growing. Economists regard stagnant wages as a red flag for the 5-year-old recovery. Robust job growth has typically fueled rising wages. And without higher pay, workers have less money to spend and save - and that, in turn, keeps the economy from strengthening further. Whatever meager pay raises most workers have received in this recovery have been all but eaten up by low inflation. The average hourly wage for non-management workers has remained \$20.67 for two months. It's risen just 2.3 percent year-over-year, just slightly above inflation.

It just might be the pivotal challenge for families as well as for the economy. The size of a paycheck shapes budgets for consumers, whose spending accounts for most of the U.S. economy's activity.

Weak pay gains, along with lower-than-normal inflation, will also influence when the Federal Reserve decides to start raising interest rates. Without more pay raises spreading across the economy, the Fed has less pressure to raise a key short-term rate from its record low near zero.

So why hasn't vigorous hiring led to better paydays? Three factors help explain the unusual trend:

UNEMPLOYMENT NEEDS TO GO EVEN LOWER

The last time monthly wage growth outpaced inflation in any meaningful way was from mid-2006 through 2007, just before the Great Recession started. The unemployment rate then ranged between 4.4 percent and 4.8 percent. If that pattern holds



In this Sept. 4, 2014 file photo, protestors demonstrate to push fast-food chains to pay their employees at least \$15 an hour, in Philadelphia.

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true, unemployment would have to drop another full percentage point from its current 5.9 percent before wages break out of their funk.

Economists note that wages are generally a "lagging" indicator. What they mean is that pay typically starts rising well after the job market has shown significant improvement. As the economy takes off, employers eventually need more workers to meet customer demand. Unless those companies boost

pay, they often won't attract enough qualified candidates for the jobs they want to fill.

Some economists think we might be close to that point already but say we might not know until months after the fact.

"We may find out six months from now that 6 percent was the trigger point," said Maury Harris, an economist at the bank UBS.

YOUNGER WORKERS EARN LESS

As older, higher-paid baby boomers retire, they're be-

ing replaced by younger workers who earn less. That demographic shift limits how much average pay can grow.

Recent college graduates are earning \$692 a week, according to a paper issued this year by the San Francisco Federal Reserve. That's just shy of \$36,000 a year. It's also slightly less than the average wage for all non-management workers - most of whom lack a college degree and the additional earnings power it carries. □

Report: Hewlett-Packard to split in 2 companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hewlett-Packard Co., the iconic maker of personal computers and printers, reportedly plans to split itself into two separate companies by spinning off its technology services business.

The Wall Street Journal reported the pending split Sunday citing people familiar with the matter, who said an official announcement could come as soon as Monday. A spokeswoman for HP declined to comment on the report.

The breakup would create one company that sells HP's computers and printers and a second that focuses on technology services, including data storage, servers and software.

The Palo Alto, California-based company has laid off tens of thousands of employees in recent years due to flagging sales as consumers turn to mobile devices to perform basic computing chores. The shift has curbed demand for HP's desktop and laptop computers, as well as its printers.

In its most recent quarter, HP posted revenue of \$27.6 billion, up 1 percent at the same time last year. Although only a slight uptick, it marked HP's first year-over-year gain in quarterly revenue since its fiscal third quarter in 2011. □

Cost to rebuild Gaza? \$4 billion, political will

KARIN LAUB

Associated Press

KHUZAA, Gaza Strip (AP)

— More than five weeks after the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip, tens of thousands of people whose homes were destroyed or badly damaged in the fighting still live in classrooms, storefronts and other crowded shelters. In some of the hardest-hit areas, the displaced have pitched tents next to the debris that once was their homes.

Yet despite their pressing needs, reconstruction efforts appear stymied by a continued Israeli-Egyptian border blockade of Gaza and an unresolved power struggle between the Islamic militant group Hamas



This Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014 photo, shows mobile homes donated by a charity for temporary housing for Palestinians whose houses were destroyed in the recent Israel-Hamas war, in Khuzaa, southern Gaza Strip.

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and Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Those involved in rebuilding say the post-war paralysis finally will come to an end next week, with an in-

ternational pledging conference in Cairo. There, Abbas is to ask for \$4 billion for Gaza, including for the rebuilding or repair of more than 60,000 homes and 5,000 businesses. □

On the witness list: Paulson, Geithner, Bernanke

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It could be an awkward reunion.

Three top former government leaders who devised the 2008 financial bailouts — Henry Paulson, Timothy Geithner and Ben Bernanke — are set to testify this week in a lawsuit over the government's rescue of the insurance giant AIG. Six years ago, their rescue plan revived AIG, protected its far-flung financial partners and helped save the financial system. Yet AIG's former CEO, 89-year old Maurice Greenberg, argues that the government's bailout was illegitimate and is demanding roughly \$40 billion in damages for shareholders. This despite the fact that Greenberg orchestrated a 2010 deal in which he unloaded \$278 million in AIG shares that his holding company owned — a windfall that might have been impossible without the government's intervention.

The lawsuit alleges that the bailout violated the Constitution's Fifth Amendment by taking control of AIG without "just compensation." Greenberg objects to the government's takeover of a company approaching bankruptcy in exchange for what would eventually become \$180 billion-plus in taxpayer-backed loans.

Many legal experts deem the lawsuit a longshot. But the trial serves as a reminder that few were satisfied by the government's response to the crisis — even those who, like Greenberg, fared far better than the millions who lost homes and jobs.

For Greenberg, the case repre-

sents a chance to make the former Federal Reserve chairman (Bernanke) and two past Treasury secretaries (Paulson and Geithner) defend a landmark action made at the most perilous moment for the U.S. financial system since the Great Depression.

All three, of course, have well-honed and oft-repeated arguments in defense of the AIG bailout. Geithner released his memoirs this year, while Paulson appeared

told the House Financial Services Committee in 2009.

An AIG collapse "would have posed unacceptable risks for the global financial system and for our economy," Bernanke said. The viability of state and local governments, banks and 401(k) plans was at risk, he warned.

Greenberg's lawyer, David Boies, is famed for fighting for gay marriage and arguing before the Supreme Court on behalf of Al Gore

in an inconsistency, said Hester Peirce, a senior research fellow at George Mason University and former Senate Banking Committee staffer.

"They are in a pretty difficult position because they might have to contradict what they previously said," Peirce said.

For Americans who yearn to see reckless bankers held accountable in court, it's somewhat surreal to have a lawsuit based on the premise that the government's rescue unfairly punished a company whose collapse would have threatened the global financial system. How so? AIG was over-exposed to subprime mortgages back in 2008. That's because of a financial instrument known as a credit default swap. It obligated AIG to pay out if the mortgages defaulted. Its stock and credit ratings had nosedived. The company largely built by Greenberg appeared to be freefalling into bankruptcy, possibly dragging down several major investment banks with it. So the government provided an initial \$85 billion loan — ultimately \$182 billion — in return for an 80 percent stake in AIG.

That 80 percent stake angered Greenberg. He remained the company's most vocal shareholder after being ousted as CEO and chairman in 2005 amid a New York state investigation into suspicious financial transactions under his watch. Greenberg contends that AIG shareholders were singled out for retribution, while the government chose to extend loans on far more generous terms to banks such as Citigroup. □



This combo made with file photos shows, from left, former Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, former Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, and former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.
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in a Netflix documentary film about his experiences last year. The tight-lipped Bernanke is now writing his own book.

During the height of the crisis, no private company was willing to provide loans to AIG. The insurer "faced severe liquidity pressures that threatened to force it imminently into bankruptcy," Bernanke

in the 2000 presidential election. But in congressional hearings and news conferences, the three witnesses he intends to grill before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims have learned to measure their words carefully.

The challenge is whether Boies can use the multitude of their past comments about AIG to trap them

GM recalls some Cadillac, Pontiac sedans

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors is recalling more than 60,000 vehicles in North America, the latest round of recalls this year for the automaker.

The company outlined three new recalls Saturday, the biggest of which affects 46,873 vehicles in the U.S.

The recalls are Pontiac G8s from the 2008 through the 2009 model years and 2011-2013 model Chevrolet Caprice PPV left-hand-drive sedans imported from Australia.

The ignition switch key may shift from the "run" position

when touched by the driver's knee, GM said.

The company is aware of one crash related to the problem, but no injuries.

Another U.S. recall covers over 10,005 Cadillac CTS-V sedans from the 2004-2007 model years and 2006-2007 model Cadillac STS-Vs.

On some vehicles, the fuel pump module electrical terminal may overheat, causing the flange material to melt, GM said.

That can lead to a fuel leak, increasing the risk of a stall and fire, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-

tion.

GM said it knows of no crashes or injuries related to the problem.

The automaker also issued a recall for 304 of the 2014 model-year Chevrolet Sonics in the U.S., saying the vehicles may have a loose electrical connection in the steering column that could affect the performance of the driver-side air bag.

GM is not aware of any crashes, injuries related to the potential malfunction. All told, the latest recalls included 57,182 vehicles in the U.S. and 60,575 in North



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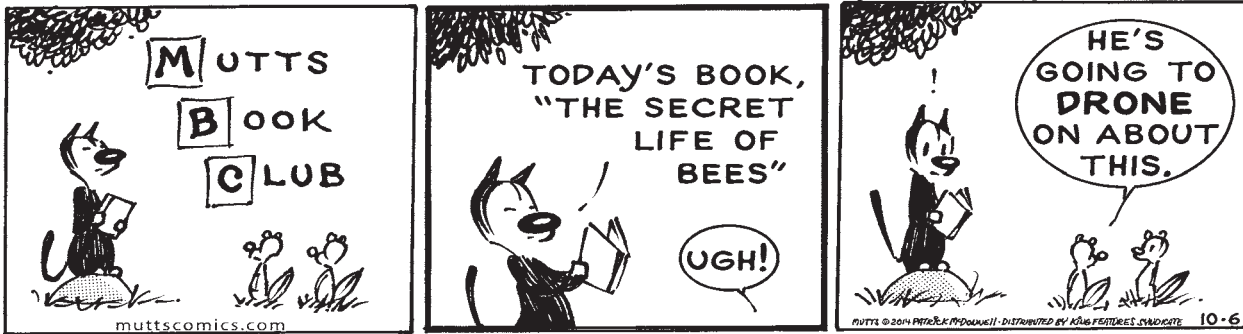
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GM's safety problems began earlier this year with the recall of 2.6 million small cars with faulty ignition switches.

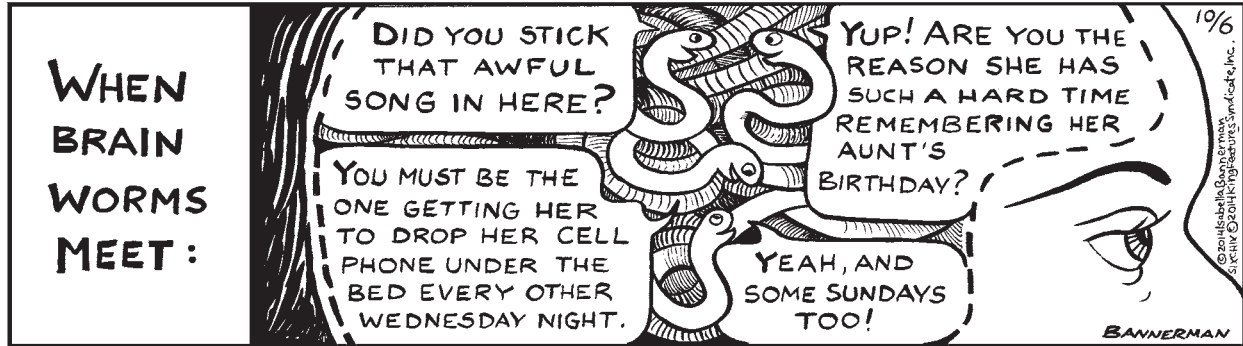
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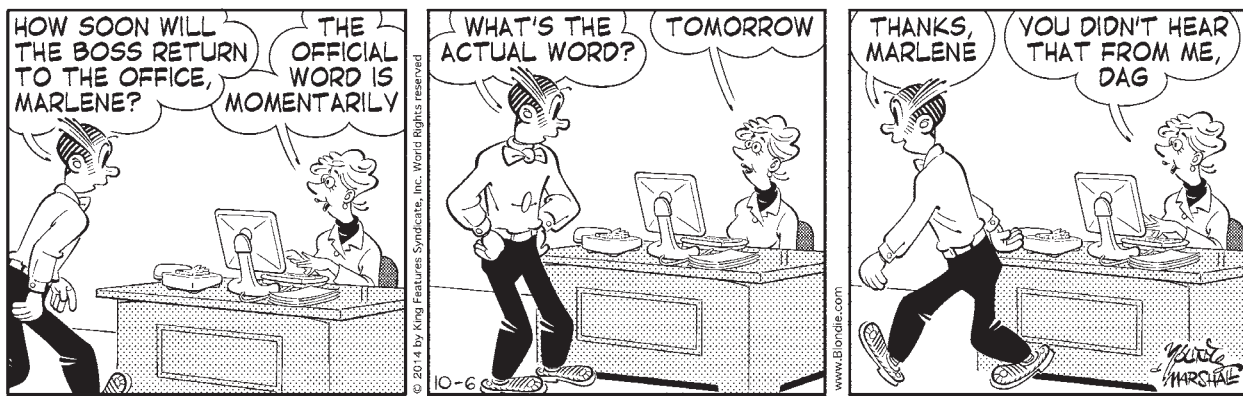
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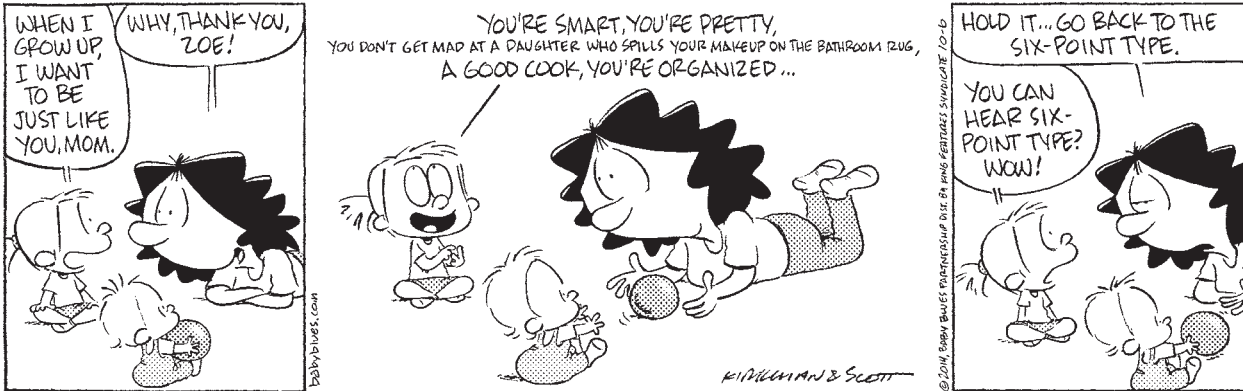
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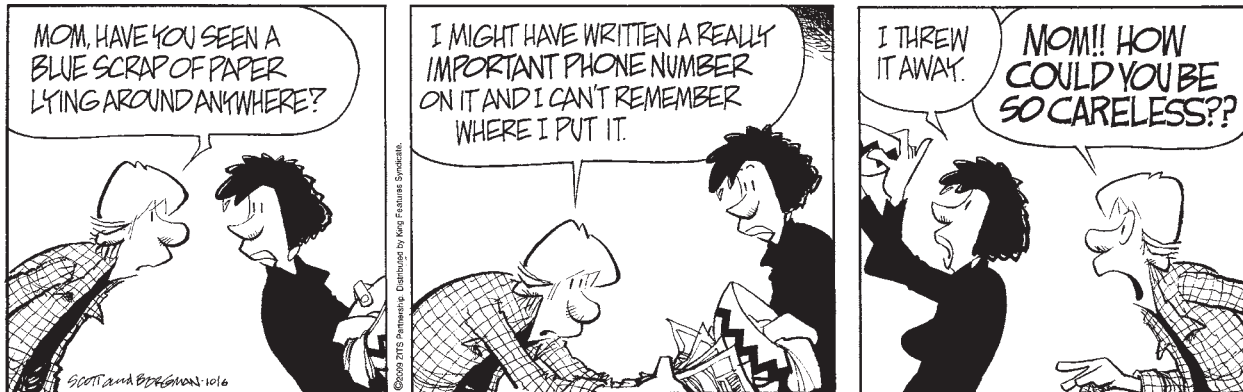
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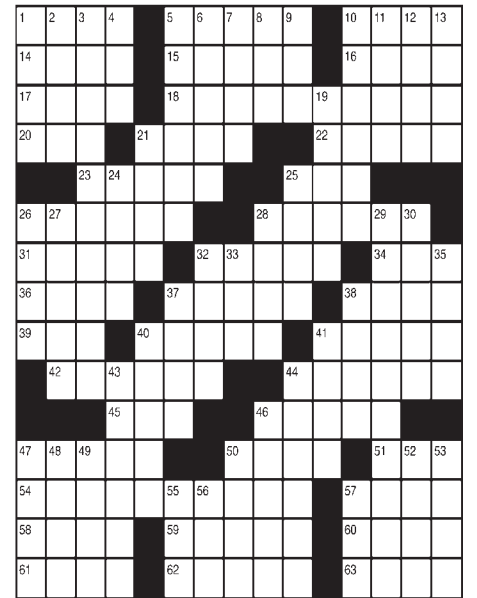
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Dog named 'Lazarus' survives euthanasia attempt

JAY REEVES

Associated Press

OZARK, Alabama (AP) — Animal control officer Wanda Snell knows what she saw: A veterinarian inserted a needle into the black-and-brown mutt and injected a chemical meant to euthanize the dog no one had adopted. The animal moved a bit and was still and quiet by the time she left the shelter for home.

What Snell can't explain is how or why a mixed-breed dog that nobody wanted recovered overnight and has since bounced back fully from what should have been a lethal injection. Less than a month later, the dog lives with a family in a suburb of the Alabama city of Birmingham, where the animal romps and plays with another rescue dog. His survival seemed all the more surprising since the same dog already had been struck by a car before arriving at the Ozark City Animal Shelter.

A rescue worker who retrieved the roughly 4-year-old male dog after the failed procedure named him "Lazarus" after the man the Bible says Jesus brought back to life. Snell has another name for that escape artist of a dog. "I call him Houdini," she said. No one connected with the shelter is exactly sure what happened to prevent Lazarus' death, and



Lazarus, a mixed-breed dog who survived a euthanasia attempt and a car accident, sits by his new owner, Jane Holston, in Helena, Ala., on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014.

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officials declined to release the name of the contract veterinarian who performed the injection. Shelter volunteer Cortney Blankenship has an idea, however. "His body overcame and he had a will to live and somehow, somehow he made it through," said Blankenship. Records show the dog arrived at the shelter on Aug. 19 after being dropped off by its owner, who Blankenship said was moving and could no longer care for it. The animal was cut and bloody after being struck by a car and a pad on its left rear foot was missing. Blankenship tried to find a rescue home through social media, but no one stepped up to adopt. So the dog's scheduled date with death arrived on Sept.

10. Snell said the vet arrived late that afternoon to euthanize animals due to be put to sleep. Snell said she accompanied the veterinarian and witnessed the entire procedure. The dog moved a bit when injected, almost as if fighting the drug before it quieted and was still, Snell said. The animal was left for dead inside a pen, its body to be removed later. □

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Navy: Self-guided unmanned patrol boats make debut

BROCK VERGAKIS

Associated Press

NORFOLK, Virginia (AP) —

Self-guided unmanned patrol boats that can leave warships they're protecting and swarm and attack potential threats on the water could join the U.S. Navy's fleet within a year, defense officials say, adding the new technology could one day help stop attacks like the deadly 2000 bombing of the USS Cole off Yemen. The Arlington, Virginia-based Office of Naval Research demonstrated the autonomous swarm boat technology over two weeks in August on the James River near Fort Eustis in Virginia — not far from one of the Navy's largest fleet concentration areas. It said the Navy simulated a transit through a strait, just like the routine passage of U.S. warships through the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf.

In the demonstrations, as many as 13 small unmanned patrol boats were escorting a high-value Navy ship. Then as many as eight of the self-guided vessels broke off and swarmed around a threat when a ship playing the part of an enemy vessel was detected, the office said, calling the demonstrations a success.

Robert Brizzolara, program manager at the Office of Naval Research, said that the boats can decide for themselves what movements to make once they're alerted to a threat and work together to encircle or block the path of an opposing vessel, depending on that vessel's movements and those of other nearby vessels.

The rigid-hull inflatable



This Tuesday Aug. 12, 2014 photo provided by the U.S. Navy shows an unmanned 11-meter rigid hulled inflatable boat (RHIB) from Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock, as it operates autonomously during an Office of Naval Research demonstration of swarmboat technology held on the James River in Newport News, Va.

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patrol boats can also fire .50 caliber machine guns if called upon to do so. However, a human will always be the one to make the decision to use lethal force, officials said.

A sailor on a command ship would be in charge of each of the unmanned boats and could take control over any of the boats at any moment. And if communication between the unmanned boats and the sailor overseeing them were ever broken, the boat would automatically shut down.

"I never want to see the USS Cole happen again,"



This Tuesday Aug. 12, 2014 photo provided by the U.S. Navy shows an unmanned seven meter rigid hulled inflatable boat as it operates autonomously during an Office of Naval Research demonstration of swarmboat technology held on the James River in Newport News, Va.

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said Rear Adm. Matthew Klunder, chief of naval research, speaking about the attack by a small boat packed with explosives that killed 17 sailors and injured 39 on that warship. "I can tell you the systems we just put out on the water would've prevented the

Cole."

Brizzolara said the technology is intended to allow sailors who would ordinarily be manning such boats to stay out of harm's way while the self-guided boats seek to "deter, damage or destroy" enemy vessels.

Officials said while the Cole

bombing was not the sole inspiration for the program, it was a significant one. Researchers have been working on the technology for about a decade.

The kit can be placed on any small vessel and includes sensors and radar that tells it what's happening in the area. Advanced algorithms help the boat plan its route and determine its course of action and speed.

Klunder said that manpower can sometimes be an issue as to why more patrol boats aren't escorting larger ships, and that potential enemies may try to outnumber those boats. He said such technology could put more protective boats in the water, freeing up sailors for key roles aboard ship.

"We've really put our sailors back where they need to be anyway, which is back manning our combat systems, manning our weapons systems, steering our ships," Klunder said.

Klunder said the technology should be rolled out to fleet commanders within a year. He said the parts for the small, transportable kit cost about \$2,000 and can be applied to existing patrol boats present at Navy installations and aboard many large warships.

The Navy said some of the components were adapted for from technology originally developed by NASA for the Mars Rover spaceflight programs. What made the August demonstration so important is that it showed that numerous boats could coordinate with each other, Klunder noted.

He said it's the first time the technology has ever been employed with more than one or two boats. And he spoke of possibly wider applications in the future outside military use.

"This is something that you might find not only just on our naval vessels, we could certainly see this utilized to protect merchant vessels, to protect ports and harbors, used also to protect offshore oil rigs," Klunder said. □



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'Girl' nabs No. 1 at box office from 'Annabelle'

DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Annabelle" couldn't scare off "Gone Girl" at the weekend box office.

The Fox thriller starring Ben Affleck as a man whose wife goes missing overcame the Warner Bros. possessed-doll horror movie with a \$38 million debut, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Both films join the recently released "The Maze Runner" and "The Equalizer" in crossing the \$30 million mark this fall, a typically low-earning season at the box office.

"It was virtually a photo finish," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "These two movies couldn't be more different. It shows how if the marketplace presents a diversity of product, audiences will come out. It's the third and fourth \$30 million debut



In this image released by 20th Century Fox, Ben Affleck, left, and Rosamund Pike appear in a scene from "Gone Girl." The film, based on the best-selling novel, releases Friday, Oct. 3, 2014.

of the past two weeks. It's been a great post-summer run." "Gone Girl" is based on the best-selling novel by Gillian Flynn and was directed by "The Social Network" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" filmmaker David Fincher.

The film earned an additional \$24.6 million internationally. "I think David Fincher made a very provocative, thought-provoking film," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for Fox. "I think there was this crescendo of publicity and

social-media chatter that made 'Gone Girl' into a zeitgeist-y movie that you have to see to be part of the conversation."

"Annabelle" debuted closely behind "Gone Girl" with \$37.2 million. The movie stars Ward Horton

and Annabelle Wallis as new parents who bring the creepy porcelain plaything seen in last year's haunted house horror "The Conjuring" into their home.

Sony's "The Equalizer," last week's top performer, came in third place in its second weekend with \$19 million, bringing its total domestic haul to \$64.5 million. The revenge thriller starring Denzel Washington reteams him with director Antoine Fuqua, who helmed 2001's "Training Day," the film that earned Washington an Oscar for best actor. "Left Behind," the weekend's other big debut, opened in sixth place with \$6.8 million. The Rapture-set film starring Nicholas Cage is based on the novel of the same name. Dergarabedian said overall ticket sales for the weekend box office were \$149 million, an 18 percent increase from the same weekend last year. □

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Calif. officials unveil 'Johnny Cash Trail'



In this Sept. 2, 1995 file photo, Johnny Cash performs during his segment of the Concert for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — The city of Folsom has completed the first section of the "Johnny Cash Trail" that will pay tribute to the country music icon and his 1968 album "At Folsom Prison." City officials unveiled the first section of the 2.5-mile (4-kilometer) trail on Saturday — a pedestrian and bike bridge designed to echo Folsom State Prison's east gate guard towers, according to the Sacramento Bee.

The trail will traverse prison property and link to area trails. The newspaper reports that the city is planning a \$3 million fundraising drive to pay for a 2-acre (0.8-hectare) park next to the bridge and art installations along the trail — including a 40-foot (12-meter) steel statue of Cash. The Sacramento Bee newspaper says Cash's daughter, Rosanne Cash, was expected to attend Saturday's ceremony. □

B.B. King cancels shows after falling ill in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Blues guitarist B.B. King has canceled the remaining eight performances of his current tour after being diagnosed with dehydration and exhaustion. King's official website says he fell ill Friday evening during a performance at the House of Blues in Chicago and was evaluated by a doctor. The end of his tour was to include stops next week at his own B.B. King Blues Club

and Grill in New York. The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer is 89 and has released over 50 albums. No further updates on his condition were provided. Earlier this year, King issued a public apology to fans after an erratic performance in St. Louis led to audience catcalls and early departures. His publicists called it "a bad night for one of America's living blues legends." □



In this Sept. 4, 2014 file photo, actor Robert Downey Jr. and wife producer Susan Downey arrive at the opening night gala premiere of "The Judge" during the 2014 Toronto International Film Festival, in Toronto.

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'The Judge' a family affair for Robert Downey Jr.

DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. thinks courtrooms are dull.

That didn't stop the "The Avengers" leading man from landing on "The Judge" as the inaugural film from his production company Team Downey, which he formed with his wife, Susan. Other than the 2010 buddy comedy "Due Date," the legal family drama marks Downey's first movie in five years that doesn't star the 49-year-old actor as either Iron Man or Sherlock Holmes.

In the film, conceived of and directed by "Wedding Crashers" filmmaker David Dobkin, Downey plays a Chicago lawyer who returns to his small Indiana hometown to attend his mother's funeral. While there, Downey's stubborn motor-mouth becomes enmeshed in a criminal case involving his more stubborn father, the town's judge, portrayed by Robert Duvall. "I've done lawyers before and it's like, 'Dude, really? Courtrooms? So boring,'" Downey recently acknowledged over a cup of coffee. "The idea David (Dobkin) had was that a lawyer would be able to get his father — when he's sworn in — to tell the truth. How

could you not take advantage of that, with his life on the line and all the stuff that's happened between them?"

After saving the world as Tony Stark in four Marvel films, Downey said he wasn't necessarily looking to make the 180-degree turn that he does in "The Judge," out next Friday. (Besides, Iron Man will be back in next year's "Avengers" installment.) Downey and Susan, a longtime producer he first met on the set of the 2003 thriller "Gothika," were merely drawn to the story.

"I think we're a good partnership," he said. "She works really closely with the director, as do I, obviously. She's really smart, pretty and calm — for the most part. That's just a winning combination. I've seen this before with directors who have partners that produce. You just see this symbiosis between them, and you go, 'Oh, I get why they do this together.'"

Dobkin, known for goofy comedies like "Fred Claus" and "The Change-Up," always envisioned Downey in the role.

"The first week this story came to me, I started writing it, and I first thought of Robert," said Dobkin, who was initially inspired by

the loss of his own mother. "When I brought (screenwriter) Nick Schenk on, I told him this was for Robert. Everyone wrote toward Robert, and then obviously Robert got involved and wrote toward Robert. The movie was always going to be him."

While the Downeys, according to Downey, bear no resemblance to the Palmers in "The Judge," life still managed to imitate art. Downey's mother died Sept. 22. ("Life on life's terms," he said of having to promote the film soon after her death.) The once out-of-control actor recalled in a Facebook tribute last week how his "ball buster" mom inspired him to quit drugs.

In a more upbeat example of "The Judge" mirroring his own life, Downey plays father to a spunky daughter in the film. Downey and his wife are expecting their second child, a daughter, next month. Their son, Exton, is 2 years old, while Downey's first son, Indio, is 21. When asked about the impending arrival of his first-ever daughter, Downey seemed undeterred.

"The closer you get to having a kid, the less daunting it becomes because you're just like, 'OK. I can't take the suspense anymore.' □

Order Vs. Disorder, Part 4



Thomas L. Friedman
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I've been arguing for a while now that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is to the wider East-West clash of civilizations what off-Broadway is to Broadway. It's where you can see many trends at a smaller scale first. That is why I study it closely. Whether it is airline-hijacking, suicide-bombing or trying to do nation-building with the other - Israelis called it "Lebanon invasion" and "Oslo"; we called it "Iraq" and "Afghanistan" - what happens there often moves to the larger stage. So, as I have asked before: What's playing off-Broadway now?

It's a play called "Containment." When faced with a barrage of rockets from the Hamas militants in Gaza, Israel largely retaliated with artillery and air power. These inflicted enough pain on Hamas and the Gaza civilian population that Hamas eventually agreed to a cease-fire - but not to surrender.

Indeed, Israel chose to deliberately leave Hamas in power in Gaza because it did not want to put Israeli boots on the ground and try to destroy it - which would have required bloody house-to-house fighting - and because Israel also did not want to leave Gaza as an ungoverned space. Israel's adopting a strategy of containment toward Gaza also became viable after Egypt's top military commander, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, replaced the Muslim Brotherhood government led by Mohammed Morsi. The Brotherhood saw Hamas as an ally and allowed it to dig tunnels into Egypt and smuggle in goods for profit and rockets to hit Israel. El-Sissi, who sees the Brotherhood as his archenemy, has closed those tunnels.

So containment, as a purely military strategy to stem disorder, can work for Israel, for now. Containment also seems to be where the U.S.-led coalition is heading, for now, against the Islamic State, which is also known as ISIS. Since neither we nor our coalition partners are willing - or, thus far, in the case of the Iraqi army and Syrian "moderates," able - to put many boots on the ground to oust the Islamic State, we will rely on air power to prevent the Islamic State from expanding and maybe to shrink it.

But here we come to the most important difference between the containment we used to defeat the Soviet Union and the containment of Hamas and the Islamic State. We and the Israelis are both using containment to seal off a problem that we each perceive as too costly, politically and in human terms, to try to

eliminate. But that strategy has its limits.

As Mark Mykleby, a retired Marine colonel and the co-director of the Strategic Innovation Lab at Case Western Reserve University, put it to me: "In the Cold War, we contained the Soviets militarily to set the conditions for the USSR to collapse on itself, but that wasn't the whole story. We also rebuilt the shattered economies of our former enemies, built international institutions like the IMF and World Bank, and redesigned our own governing institutions to address our new post-WWII reality so that we would have the strategic scaffolding in place to continue building a post-Cold War world once the Soviet Union did in fact collapse.

"In the case of Gaza," he added, "the Israelis are creating a self-fulfilling prophecy of a chronic problem by simply 'containing' the Palestinians."

Without a strategy for improving living conditions there, that could prove very damaging to Israel in the long run as Gaza becomes a human disaster zone. The West is doing something similar with the Islamic State: containing without building "the regional scaffolding to support and leverage" a more modern, consensual and pluralistic Middle East that might fill the Islamic State space.

Containment, said Mykleby, only makes long-term sense if you commit money and political capital to fill that space with something decent. Israel is not doing that because Hamas refuses to recognize Israel's right to exist and be a partner to a two-state solution. And because right-wing Jewish settlers so dominate Israel's ruling coalition that Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu cannot or will not put on the table anything close to what the more moderate Palestinian Authority demands for a two-state deal. Nor is it clear the Palestinians could deliver the security Israel demands. In short, the whole relationship is broken, making a strategy beyond containment very hard.

On Broadway, we're hamstrung in building a post-Islamic State political strategy by the fact that some of our coalition partners have no shared vision for a post-Islamic State Syria or Iraq and do not want democracy in this region. Also, some of them, like Saudi Arabia and Qatar, are purveyors of the intolerant, antipluralistic Sunni ideology that inspires militant fighters. Even Turkey's Islamist government has some pro-Islamic State sympathies. In short, containment in both theaters is necessary but not sufficient for long-term stability. But, unlike the Cold War where our containment strategy was largely the product of like-minded democracies working to liberate like-minded people from a bad system, in the Middle East, we have few like-minded partners. The most we can hope for are "least bad" allies and "least bad" outcomes. In today's Middle East, least bad is the new good. □



What Islamic State Could Teach the West



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As we fight the Islamic State and other extremists, there's something that President Barack Obama and all of us can learn from them. For, in one sense, the terrorists are fighting smarter than we are.

These extremists use arms to fight their battles in the short term, but, to hold ground in the long run, they also combat Western education and women's empowerment. They know that illiteracy, ignorance and oppression of women create the petri dish in which extremism can flourish.

That's why the Islamic State kidnapped Samira Salih al-Nuaimi, a brave Iraqi woman and human rights lawyer in Mosul, tortured her and publicly executed her last week. That's why the Taliban shot Malala Yousafzai, then 15 years old, after she campaigned for educating girls. And that's why Boko Haram kidnapped hundreds of schoolgirls in northern Nigeria and announced that it would turn them into slaves.

In each case, the extremists recognized a basic truth: Their greatest strategic threat comes not from a drone but from a girl with a book. We need to recognize, and act on, that truth as well.

For similar reasons, the financiers of extremism have invested heavily in fundamentalist indoctrination.

They have built Wahhabi madrassas in poor Muslim countries like Pakistan, Niger and Mali, offering free meals, as well as scholarships for the best students to study in the Gulf.

Shouldn't we try to compete? Shouldn't we use weapons in the short run, but try to gain strategic advantage by focusing on education and on empowering women to build stable societies less vulnerable to extremist manipulation?

The U.S. airstrikes have slowed the advance of the Islamic State and averted a genocide against the Yazidi population in Iraq, but it's very difficult to win a war from the air. That's why the Taliban still thrives in Afghanistan after 13 years of U.S. air attacks.

Unfortunately, we're not playing the long game, as the extremists are. We are vastly overrelying on the military toolbox and underemploying the education toolbox, the women's empowerment toolbox, the communications toolbox. We're tacticians; alas, the extremists may be better strategists.

It's not a question of resources, because bombs are more expensive than books. The U.S. military campaign against the Islamic State will cost at least \$2.4 billion a year and perhaps many times that, according to an estimate from the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington.

In contrast, Obama seems to have dropped his 2008 campaign promise to establish a \$2 billion global fund for education. And the United States gives the Global Partnership for Education, a major multilateral effort, less in a year than what we spend weekly in Syria and Iraq.

This is an area where Congress seems more forward-looking than the president because Congress regularly appropriates substantially more for basic education overseas than Obama requests. Bipartisan legislation, the Education for All Act, would elevate the issue; let's hope that Obama gets behind it.

No one is naive enough to think that education is a panacea. Al-Qaida leaders, including Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri, have been university educated. Iraq, Syria and Lebanon were all reasonably well-educated and supportive of gender equality by regional standards, yet all have been torn apart by civil wars.

Still, the historical record of the last half-century is that education tends to nurture a more cosmopolitan middle class and gives people a stake in the system. In Hong Kong today, we're seeing how educated youth often behave. They are demanding democracy, but peacefully. Girls' education seems to have more effect than boys' education, partly because educated women have markedly fewer children. The result is lower birthrates and less of a youth bulge in the population, which highly correlates to civil conflict.

I support judicious airstrikes in the short term against the Islamic State, but that should be only one part of a policy combating extremism. And a starting point should be to ensure that the 3 million Syrian refugees mostly in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon - especially girls - can get schooling. Right now, many are getting none, and one study published last month found that Syria had the worst reversal in educational attainment in recent history, with enrollment rates for Syrian children in Lebanon less than half the level of those in sub-Saharan Africa.

Yet the UNICEF request for education funding for Syrians was only 40 percent financed as of mid-August. If we miss this opportunity, those children will be tinder for future wars and extremism, and we'll be stuck dropping bombs for generations to come. So let's learn from the extremists - and from those brave girls themselves who are willing to risk their lives in order to get an education. They all understand the power of education, and we should, too. □

When Cooking, Invest Time. Or Work. Not Both.

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We could talk about cooking as a function of chemistry and physics. Better to talk about elbow grease. Specifically, a physical theory of everyday cooking, The Time-Work Continuum. The premise is simple: You start with food, apply a variable equation of time and energy - guided perhaps, by a recipe - and sooner or later you have a meal. To eat sooner, you will have to expend more of your own energy; if you're willing to wait, then you have the luxury of letting heat serve as the primary energy, transforming the raw ingredients with minimal input from you.

According to this hypothesis, every dish can be plotted along a single X axis, measured by Time at one end and Work at the other. If you wanted go for fancier science, put time on the X axis and a work on the Y and plot recipes in quadrants. (Meanwhile, I'll make a sandwich.)

The two recipes that follow demonstrate how you can use the continuum to increase your kitchen efficiency. The first, a long-cooking pork and vegetable braise, requires about 3 hours of time and 5 minutes of work. The second, a fast version of spaghetti and meatballs with red gravy, provides the counterpoint. It's ready in less than 30 minutes, but you'll be chopping, stirring and monitoring heat and doneness - actively working - from start to finish.

This is the crux of the hypothesis: To get the biggest return on your investment, whether in time or work, you need to cook toward the extremes of the continuum. Venturing toward the center, where recipes require both time and work in near equal measure, is also fine, especially if you see cooking as an art form or creative outlet that brings you relaxation and pleasure, or in times of celebration or insanity, when you throw yourself into a food project that gives you a sense of accomplishment.

But for everyday feed-the-

family fare, you must be more efficient. Otherwise you'll get frustrated and find your food elsewhere.

My job is to lure people into the kitchen, preferably with recipes. In these examples, I've rolled the preparation of ingredients into the steps so that you can get an accurate portrayal of the work involved. The modern con-

ting everything in its place - known as *mise en place*, a protocol that makes perfect sense for restaurant chefs - you chop the onions while the pan heats, mince the garlic while the onions sizzle and break down the squash in the time it takes the aromatics to soften. Presto. That one bit of multitasking probably saved you

for more than 2 hours. Pass through the kitchen again to uncover the pan and turn the oven up, then go back to your business. You've just spent a productive 3 or so hours cooking and doing something else. Talk about efficient.

With only a little forethought, you can steer many recipes toward the extremes of the Time-Work Continuum. Start by transferring the work hidden in the ingredient list - the chopping of vegetables and so forth - into the steps of the recipe. This is relatively easy: Scan the directions for chunks of time when no other work is happening. Like "Cook, stirring occasionally until brown all over, 3 to 5 minutes." Then use that time to prepare for what comes next.

Another strategy is to let time do the work, as in the *choucroute*. This is what makes slow cookers so popular. Leave food in big chunks, don't pre-brown before braising or stewing, marinate vegetables instead of cooking them and the one tip I give all the time: Prepare big batches of key components like beans, whole grains or plainly cooked produce and meat. Once you start to wean yourself from the recipe, or at least take better control of it, you'll be a better cook.

Spaghetti and Drop Meatballs with Tomato Sauce

Time: 25 minutes
Makes: 4 servings
Salt
2 tablespoons olive oil
12 ounces ground beef
6 ounces Parmesan, or about 1 1/2 cups
1 bunch fresh parsley
1/4 cup breadcrumbs
1 egg
Pepper
1 large onion
3 garlic cloves
6 cups canned crushed tomatoes (a little less than two 28-ounce cans)
3 bay leaves
1 pound spaghetti
1. Bring a stockpot of water to a boil and salt it. Put the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat.
2. Put the ground beef in a medium bowl. Grate the

cheese, put 1 cup over the meat and reserve the rest, about 1/2 cup. Chop 1/2 cup of parsley and add all but 2 tablespoons to the meat mixture; save the rest of the parsley for another use. Add the breadcrumbs, crack in the egg, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Gently mix until everything is just combined.

3. Raise the heat to medium-high; use 2 teaspoons to drop rounds of the meatball mixture into the skillet without touching one another if you can help it. Adjust the heat so the meatballs sizzle but don't burn, and cook undisturbed until they're lightly browned on the bottom, 5 to 6 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, trim, peel and chop the onion; scatter it around the meatballs. Peel and mince the garlic and put it on top of the onions.

5. When the meatballs are browned on the bottom and the aromatics begin to soften, add the tomatoes to the skillet, along with the bay leaves and a sprinkle of salt and pepper. Adjust the heat so the mixture bubbles gently but steadily, then cover the skillet and cook until the meat cooks through, about 8 minutes. Remove the lid and let the sauce bubble vigorously to thicken for another 5 to 10 minutes, essentially while the pasta cooks. Stir only as needed and carefully if you do.

6. Add the pasta to the boiling water and stir. Start tasting after 5 minutes. When the pasta is tender but not mushy, drain it, reserving some cooking water. Return the pasta to the pot.

7. Move the meatballs to one side of the skillet with a spatula and stir the sauce; taste and adjust the seasoning. Discard the bay leaves and spoon about half the sauce into the pasta pot. Toss the pasta over low heat, adding a splash of cooking water to make it saucier if you like.

8. To serve, divide the pasta among 4 plates or bowls; top with the meatballs and the remaining sauce, and sprinkle the remaining Parmesan and parsley over the top. □



Spaghetti and meatballs, in New York. Home cooks should gravitate toward slow-cooked but easy recipes or fast but labor-intensive dishes — like spaghetti and meatballs, ready in 30 minutes but all action from start to finish.

(Melina Hammer/The New York Times)

vention in recipe writing is to incorporate the preparations into the ingredient list. ("1 large onion, chopped; 2 garlic cloves, minced; 1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1-inch cubes.") Many cooks go so far as to suggest you gather and prepare all the ingredients in advance before proceeding with the actual directions.

I understand and can execute this approach to a recipe, but I largely ignore it in the privacy of my own kitchen. And I know others do the same, opting instead to merge preparation and cooking, so that executing the various tasks ebb and flow with the natural rhythms of the process. At home, instead of first get-

ting 7 minutes. And your work made the most efficient use of time.

The spaghetti and meatballs recipe demonstrates action-packed cooking. Throw yourself immediately into the directions and you'll be sitting at the table twirling pasta in less than a half-hour. You'll be busy, but not frantic, the whole time, and rewarded with the satisfaction that you made every second count. On the other side of the time axis, there's braised pork with cabbage and sauerkraut, an easy path to a kind of *choucroute* garnie. Spend a few minutes making broad strokes with a sharp knife and layer the ingredients in a deep roasting pan. Then walk away